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SYMBOL OF SUPPORT: The Town of Shelburne raised the Ukrainian flag on Tuesday (March 1) at Town Hall as a show of solidarity with Ukraine and the condemning of the invasion by Russian military forces.

Council supports Ukraine, condemns Russian invasion

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Town Council has given its unanimous support to the Ukraine in condemning the invasion by Russian troops.

During their Council meeting on Monday (Feb. 28), Mayor Wade Mills brought forward a motion in defense of the people of Ukraine and their “freedom, independence and autonomy”.

The motion condemned the aggression from Russian military forces and called on the Canadian government to continue its efforts in opposing the aggression.

“It’s fair to say that everybody’s been horrified by what we’ve been seeing. Although any actions that we can take here as a small community may in and of themselves not be enough to change the course of that conflict, which is on the other side of the world, I do think that collectively if enough voices around the world speak up in opposition to this, that may in fact have the impact we desire and hopefully change the course, and that we see better more peaceful days ahead,” said Mills.

As part of the motion, Mills also asked for council to authorize the Ukrainian national flag be raised and flown at Town Hall.

“As a visual display of our community’s support for and solidarity with the people of Ukraine,” said Mills.

Council unanimously voted in support of the motion.

“Even though we are a small community, the more voices that raise up against these atrocities the better,” said Coun. Kyle Fegan, who seconded the motion.

The Ukrainian flag was raised at Shelburne Town Hall on Tuesday (March 1) morning and will remain for the time being.

Meanwhile, the Town of Orangeville has taken similar actions.

Orangeville Council unanimously approved a motion to fly the Ukrainian flag on the flagpole in front of Town Hall or somewhere within the building for the duration of the crisis, during a regular meeting on Monday (Feb. 28).

Orangeville Town Hall is also being lit blue and yellow in solidarity with Ukraine each night.

Coun. Joe Andrews, who has Ukrainian heritage in his background, commented on the tragic situation currently unfolding in the country, prior the unanimous passing of a motion to fly the flag.

“Over the last couple of days, I’ve struggled and tried to understand the reasoning

for an unprovoked attack on the people of Ukraine. And watching from afar, keeping abreast of what is going on, yet I wish I could do more,” he remarked.

“I’m so pleased to see the gesture of solidarity on display at the Orangeville Town Hall.”

Coun. Andrews thanked town staff for quickly processing the request of lighting up Town Hall blue and yellow, which began on Feb. 25.

“Even though this is a small visual message of support, it is one that means a lot to the Ukrainian community here in Orangeville, but also abroad,” he noted.

“I would hope that the members of our community, no matter who you are and what your heritage is, that you might be able to provide some form of support through one of the agencies vetted by the Canadian government to assist with this crisis overseas.”

Coun. Andrews said at this time, many are declaring the Russian invasion of Ukraine as one of the biggest human tragedies due to displacement of people from that country.

“Families are being separated, civilians are being killed, and in 2022 this just shouldn’t be,” he remarked.

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Emergency Declaration officially terminated in Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Almost two years after declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Shelburne and municipalities across Dufferin County are turning the corner to normalcy.

Town of Shelburne has officially terminated its Emergency Declaration as of March 1.

A press release issued by the Town on Feb. 24 said the decision to terminate the emergency declaration was made following consultation with key partners including the County of Dufferin.



"This is in no way a signal that our collective efforts against COVID-19 are over, but it does highlight the fact that we are moving beyond the emergency phase of those efforts. We are able to take this important step because the vast majority of residents have pulled together and have done what was necessary to confront this unprecedented public health challenge,"

said Mayor Wade Mills. "I am grateful for the resolve and commitment that has been demonstrated by so many throughout our community."

The state of emergency was enacted in Shelburne on March 20, 2020, and provided the mayor with the authority to take actions and make orders to protect property, and the health, safety and welfare of residents.

During their council meeting on Monday (Feb. 28), Mayor Mills stressed that the state of emergency was a legal declaration to facilitate decision-making authorities, and was not about public health guidelines or polices, which have been given by pub-

lic health and the province.

He added that the lifting of the emergency declaration had no bearing on health measures or policies and that the Town would continue to take guidance from public health and the province.

Shelburne is joined by several other municipalities in terminating the emergency declaration including Mulmur, Orangeville, Grand Valley, East Garafraxa, Mono and the County of Dufferin.

As of March 1, over 80 per cent of eligible Shelburne residents (ages 5+) are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccination, according to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health.

MoD launching new research tool for historic landmarks

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



Have you ever wondered what a historical landmark looked like in the time period it was built?

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) Archives

is launching a new interactive research tool called, Historic Landmarks of Dufferin County, that gives residents a snapshot of

the early history of Dufferin County.

The new research tool is an interactive map that allows viewers to select and look at photographs as well as read text about any of the almost 200 landmarks featured; including historic villages, schools, churches and cemeteries, businesses, transportation, and public buildings that helped form the County.

The project was developed by the MoD Archives department, headed by archivist Laura Camilleri who guided interns Megan Solomon and Danielle Wadden in creating the research tool over the last year.

"Working on the Historic Landmarks of Dufferin has given me the opportunity to explore my roots. I have had a great time with my team designing the map and I hope everyone can see the passion that went into it," said Wadden.

"I hope you all enjoy learning about the history of Dufferin County through the interactive map. Through researching the map, I got to explore some of the old hotels in the area and the way the Scott Act affected them. It has helped to expand my own personal interests as well as allowed me to research a County I am not as familiar with," said Solomon.

Camilleri said the historical information

featured in the map is a collection of over a decade of research work done by the local museum.

"[Danielle and Megan] worked it into small concise paragraphs, to put out with an image so that people can see and learn more about places that their ancestors may have lived, visited or played in," said Camilleri.

The hope through the new research tool is that it will be an inspiration for people to take on their own property or genealogical research.

Camilleri said the local museum has seen a lot of interest over the years with people wanting to know more about their family history, and recently there has been more activity with people discussing through social media the business, places, and people that used to exist within the community.

"I thought it would be an intriguing opportunity to bring all of these options together, and it is a great walk down memory lane," said Camilleri. "For genealogists it is a bit of a goldmine."

Historic Landmarks of Dufferin County launches on March 4 via the Museum of Dufferin's website (www.DufferinMuseum.com).

"It'll be really exciting to see how the community looks at it and how they respond," said Camilleri.

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Council supports Ukraine, condemns Russian invasion

"I know that we're all watching with concern as to what the next step in this conflict will be. I'm encouraged what took place today [Feb. 28] is for the first several a possible discussion seeking a resolution to the war against Ukraine, yet I have hesitation to say where this path may end up."

With additional sanctions and pressure from countries around the world, including Canada, Coun. Andrews said he hopes to see Russia realize their impact and end the war.

"And that's what it is. It is a war on the innocent people in the neutral country of Ukraine," he noted.

Coun. Andrews then offered a message of solidarity for those impacted by the crisis.

"To my extended family and friends and for those who are connected through our collective Ukrainian heritage. My thoughts are with you. I'm standing with you and the Town of Orangeville, Ontario, Canada is standing with you in solidarity," he said.

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MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- 1) **Application for Minor Variance A22/02** – Caledon Renovations, on behalf of the owners of the property located at 641 Canfield Place, have submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Section 5.68 of Zoning By-law 38-2007 in order to construct a converted dwelling with a second dwelling unit in the cellar of the existing single detached dwelling. The application is seeking relief from the regulation which states that a dwelling unit shall not be located in the cellar of a dwelling.

The property currently contains a single detached dwelling. A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

At the meeting you will be given the opportunity to ask questions and indicate whether you support or oppose the application. Written submissions, questions and comments will be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer up to 4pm on the day of the Public Meeting and will be given consideration by the Committee of Adjustment prior to a decision being made.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Clerk at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Thursday March 10, 2022. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrqPbe2EVxh-w>.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the Town of Shelburne in respect of the proposed minor variance application does not make written submissions to the Committee of Adjustment of the Town of Shelburne before it grants or refuses to grant approval of the application, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed minor variance, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer.

The agenda package including a copy of the staff report will be available on the Town's website prior to the meeting.

Dated at the Town of Shelburne on February 17, 2022.

Jennifer Willoughby,
Committee of Adjustment
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Dufferin–Caledon receiving over \$500,000 from provincial grant

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Three recreation facilities in Dufferin-Caledon will be making upgrades after receiving funding from the Ontario government.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced last Friday (Feb.25) that the Township of Melancthon, the Orangeville Curling Club, and the Town of Caledon would be receiving over \$528,000 through the Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF) grant.

The funding will help complete needed infrastructure repairs at the sport and recreation facilities including retrofits and rehabilitation to meet public health requirements, and to ensure continued programing and services.

“COVID-19 has been a challenge for so many not-for-profit tourism, culture, sport and recreation organizations, and I am proud that our government is supporting their recovery through the Community Building Fund,” said Jones. “Investing in upgrades to these facilities ensures that Dufferin-Caledon residents will have places to reconnect and socialize when it is safe to do so.”

The Township of Melancthon has been allocated \$62,700 in funding to make structural upgrades to the Horning’s Mills Community Centre.

“It’s vitally important to rural Ontario that we continue to support and build on our community-based assets such as the Horning’s Mills Community Hall,” said Melancthon Mayor Darren White. “That’s why we are so please to have received an

OTF community building grant for some much-needed repairs so our community can continue to enjoy everything from yoga to craft fairs to community dinners and everything in between.”

The Orangeville Curling Club was granted \$66,5000 in funding to go towards updating and upgrades to the building.

“The Orangeville Curling Club is extremely excited to be receiving grant money from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. We have been serving the Orangeville, Dufferin and Caledon area for more than 50 years and the funding will be used to upgrade the curling facility,” said Patti Weir, Curling Club communication representative. “We are thankful for the grant as it will help us to provide a healthy, active sports facility for family, friends, and the greater community.”

The Town of Caledon will receive funding of \$399,400 to make facility upgrades and replacements for the pool area at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness.

“This significant funding is a tremendous boost for our community providing much needed upgrades to the pool area at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “Residents of all ages will benefit.”

The Ontario government is providing almost \$46 million to support 186 municipalities, Indigenous community and non-profit tourism, culture, sport and recreation organization. In total, the Community Building Fund is investing \$105 million to support community arts and culture, heritage, tourism, sport and recreation organizations.

Headwaters Hospital expands designated care partner access

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



Headwaters Health Care Centre (IH-HCC) has expanded hospital access to those helping with the care of loved ones as of Feb. 28.

“We recognize the importance of patients having loved ones by their side during their stay with us and are pleased to share that we will be reducing some of the restrictions we have in place for designated care partners,” said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO and Dr. Peter Cino, chief of staff and vice president, medical affairs, in a joint notice.

Designated care partners must pre-book their visit the day before by contacting the patient care unit directly no later than 4:30 p.m.

All designated care partners need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (received both doses 14 days prior to visiting the hospital) or have a documented medical exemption.

Screeners at Headwaters ambulatory care and emergency department entrance will ask to see proof of vaccination or medical exemption as well as a government issued ID, and will also screen for symptoms of COVID-19.

In the notice, the hospital stressed that vaccination is not a condition of receiving care at Headwaters.

Extended visiting and access guidelines

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- All inpatient units daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for a two-hour period – one designated care partner, or designated alternate, as identified by the patient
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- Palliative patients 24 hours a day – four family members with only two at the bedside at a time
- Obstetrics 24 hours a day – one designated care partner
- In the Emergency Department and in Ambulatory Care, patients will be allowed one designated care partner only if support is required that cannot be managed by a staff member. The request must be approved in advance by the care team.
- Exceptions to the policy including, but are not limited to, end of life; child-birth; pediatrics; mental health crisis; and some vulnerable patients.

“We will continue to follow the provincial guidance to determine when we can move into the next stage of our gradual resumption plan and further open visitation,” said Delahunt and Cino. “It has been a long road, and this is welcomed news and a sign that we are headed in the right direction.”



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Another Cold War?

This week's news has all been about the invasion of Ukraine, and rightly so.

The Russian military build-up has been going on for months and western powers watched from their satellites and whatever other intelligence gathering sources they have as the number of troops grew to 100,000, then more.

Even while Russian president Putin denied he was planning on invading, you don't mass troops along a border in a friendly show of good will.

Putin claims they are there to liberate some regions in Ukraine, however the real strategy seems to be his attempt to reclaim some of the former glory of the Soviet Union.

European countries are nervous – and rightly so.

This invasion is too close to western Europe and now Russia is making veiled threats at western countries with the most recent being a mention that 'economic wars often turn into real wars' when France's finance minister said western sanctions would cause Russia's economic collapse.

There is considerable opposition in Russia to the invasion, and we probably don't know the extent of that opposition, because in Russia, speaking out against the govern-

ment can land you in prison.

Russia claims to be a democracy, however it's ranking on a global scale is very low in terms of rights and freedoms, ranking 124 out of 164 countries in 2020.

Journalists and others who speak out against government corruption have been harassed and arrested.

In 2017, Jehovah's Witnesses were labelled as 'extremists' by the government and were outlawed.

Opposition to this invasion will no doubt start growing when families start getting news that their sons or daughters will be returning in body bags. It's not like they are dying while defending their country – they are dying while attacking a peaceful neighbour.

Russia has a big military but it is largely conscripts. Until recently, many of those troops were stationed in Belarus with no idea that an invasion plan was even underway.

Conscripted armies, historically do not do well. Soldiers who are forced into service do not have the same motivation as a professional army of volunteers.

This invasion so far has not gone the way the Russian leadership has expected.

They are not making the gains they had planned for and are getting a lot of opposition from Ukrainian forces and even local militias that have been armed.

While many are fleeing Ukraine cities, the government has called for all men between ages 18 and 60 to stay and defend their country.

I'm not a military expert, but this invasion does not seem to be very well planned from a military point-of-view.

The Russians seem to be relying solely on ground forces and they are not making the progress they expected. They are firing missiles indiscriminately into cities with no real target.

This may serve to terrorize the local population but hitting a vacant apartment block with an expensive missile won't stop your enemy from returning fire.

Air power is critical when it comes to modern warfare. Yet there have been few reports of Russian aircraft over Ukraine cities.

Ukraine forces have reported downing five Russian fighters and several helicopters, although these reports cannot be confirmed.

Russia has very little support in their

war effort. Even their close allies aren't saying much.

Several countries, including Canada, have announced they will be supporting Ukraine with arms, however, NATO as a military alliance is standing back, unable or unwilling to get involved.

While supporting Ukraine at arms length, NATO cannot get involved in a shooting war unless a NATO country is involved. In that case, all NATO countries are obligated to support them.

Ukraine has expressed interest in joining NATO, which is a major problem for Russia. If Ukraine were to be accepted as a member nation, Russia would have a former Soviet Union member allied with the west and right at its border.

This war will not serve Russia well, in any capacity. They will be losing troops in a shooting war and the economy is going to be in serious trouble after the west applies the economic sanctions that are planned.

Putin seems determined to start another cold war, or worse, but it is his own nation that will suffer the consequences of this poorly planned, unnecessary military action.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Direct democracy needed

A vast gulf exists between Canada's chattering classes – many politicians, some journalists and a plethora of academics – and citizens on multiple issues, including most recently the self-described Freedom Convoy.

It has much to do with the lack of the feedback mechanisms found in other countries: direct democracy, otherwise known as referendums, on laws and the ability to recall a politician.

One can sympathize with the truckers' frustrations over the COVID-19 lockdowns over the last two years without endorsing every action or sentiment that emanated from them. Convoy protesters had no more right to tie up commerce at borders and demand Prime Minister Justin Trudeau resign as a condition of ending their blockades than do anti-oil-and-gas activists have a right to shut down pipeline construction and dictate environmental and energy policy via bullhorns.

(Trudeau's use of the Emergencies Act and freezing bank accounts is his own vast overreach.)

Canada lacks the more practical ability to channel frustrations from citizens

to governments. Elections aren't sufficient for policy feedback because they're rarely about policy. Also, the federal government and most provinces have practically outlawed non-politician and non-political-party voices during elections with restrictions on what such third parties can spend, which is a fraction of political parties. That shuts down an opportunity for citizens to be heard.

Workable referendums and recall capacity in Canada would serve two purposes:

- as a relief valve for frustrated citizens no matter their ideology or cause;
- the chance to actually affect government policy on occasion.

Consider two direct democracy examples:

Last summer, San Franciscans decided they'd had enough with three woke schoolboard trustees and started a recall campaign. Citizens were frustrated that 50,000 children were kept out of school for 18 months during COVID. But what really touched off the recall campaign was the trustees' notion that San Francisco schools were hotbeds of "systemic racism" – that accompanied a proposal to rename schools in the dis-

trict named after George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and even Democratic Sen. Diane Feinstein.

The recall vote last week resulted in 70 per cent of voters – in liberal San Francisco – opting to recall the trustees.

That's one example of an obvious direct feedback loop to politicians, between elections and where extreme policy positions can be challenged and defeated along with the politicians who propose them.

Another example of useful direct democracy comes from Switzerland. Last June, Swiss voters rejected a government plan to impose a carbon tax, though the vote was close: just shy of 52 per cent rejected the tax.

As well, voters in Nebraska voted in 1990 to raise taxes; a 1994 referendum in Oregon made that state the first to legalize assisted suicide; and Californians voted in 2016 to ban plastic bags.

Then there are the multiple referendums over the years on marijuana. For example, legalization was first placed on the ballot in 1972 in California, when two-thirds of voters said no. The motion was approved in 2016. Voters in dozens of other states have also voted on marijuana/cannabis-related ballot initiatives over the past three decades, and 20 states plan referendums on cannabis-related issues this year alone.

And 26 American states have referendum legislation allowing for direct public input on multiple issues from taxes to the death penalty.

Referendums create a vital incentive: Citizens have a reason to think more deeply about policy and laws precisely because their vote can directly impact government policy. Absent that, why would most people take the time to study a tax proposal?

Such back-and-forth between citizens and governments is rare in Canada. Alberta passed recall and referendum legislation but it awaits proclamation. British Columbia passed referendum and recall legislation

in 1996 after most voters endorsed the two concepts in the 1991 election. One MLA, Paul Reitsma, was almost recalled

in 1999 when 25,000 voters signed a petition to start an official recall election after Reitsma wrote phoney letters to a newspaper praising himself under fake names. Reitsma resigned before a recall election could be held.

Proof that direct democracy is a useful educative tool was also evident the last time a federal referendum occurred, in 1992, when Canadians voted on the Charlottetown accord (a set of proposed amendments to the Constitution). The referendum was advisory. A majority of voters in a majority of provinces voted it down.

What was almost more important than the outcome was the process: I remember debating with friends whether the distinct society for Quebec clause was a good idea. Plenty of people with little interest in policy, politics or constitutional matters also read up and discussed such matters.

I share the Freedom Convoy's general preference for freedom but disagree on some specifics. But I'm never surprised when activists and protesters of any stripe feel frustrated because they all lack a practical way to be heard and to impact government policy.

Referendums are no guarantee that good ideas will be converted into public policy and poor ones will be left orphaned. The reverse could happen just as easily. But that's just as true of politicians and the policies they enact.

Properly designed, referendums are of benefit because they allow for actual citizen votes on matters that enough Canadians care about. Win or lose, they promote a two-way dialogue on policy instead of one-way lectures from the chattering classes to truckers and everyone else.



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Our Readers Write

Vulgar sign

Vulgar sign

I find myself in complete agreement with a recent letter writer who disagrees with the method a Shelburne resident uses to disparage our Prime Minister. Like him or not, vulgar symbols do nothing to improve our situation.

Instead of hurling abuse, which simply builds walls between people, we need to promote messages about how to go about making things better.

The individual who posted the sign in question obviously has strong opinions about something(s), but I have no idea what they are. If you have ideas about how to improve the system, talk with people, not at them.

This paper has a history of publishing a variety of opposing opinion pieces. I suggest the individual(s) use these pages to explain their concerns and suggestions about fixing them.

Hugh Molesworth
Amaranth

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Driver facing charges after intentionally striking police cruisers

Dufferin OPP are currently investigating a driver who intentionally drove his vehicle into several police cruisers while fleeing from police.

On Feb. 17 at approximately 4:25 p.m., officers located a stolen vehicle travelling southbound on Highway 10 in Orangeville. The driver of the vehicle is currently wanted by police and is prohibited from driving. The driver has a history of fleeing from

police and therefore officers attempted to strategically stop the vehicle by using a rolling block maneuver.

The suspect deliberately struck several police cruisers with his vehicle while fleeing the scene. For public safety, officers did not pursue the vehicle. The suspect is known to police and is facing additional charges.

Luckily there were no injuries as a result of this incident.

The stolen vehicle is described as a 2018 Chevrolet Spark, 4-door, hatchback, grey in colour bearing an Ontario licence plate, CMLK 545.

Anyone who has any information on this incident or the whereabouts of the stolen vehicle, is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



Impaired driver charged by Dufferin OPP over the weekend

Dufferin OPP charged a driver with impaired operation after the report of a vehicle in a ditch on Airport Road in the Town of Mono.

On February 27, 2022, at approximately 5:00 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch. On arrival at the scene, the officer was led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Deodat GOPI, 37-year-old, from Etobicoke has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
 - Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in May of 2022, to answer to the charges. The accused driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and their vehicle impounded for

seven days.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impair your ability to make sound judge-

ments. One bad decision could destroy or end your life, destroy or end the life of another person and leave countless people heartbroken.

The Dufferin OPP is committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our commu-

nities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Ontario Minor Hockey announces new format for championships

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association has announced a new format for the 2022 provincial championships.

Over 350 teams will take part this year with more than 850 games taking place at centres around the province.

The ultimate prize in Ontario Minor Hockey is the red hat that is given to championship team members.

Leading up to the OMHA Championship weekends, there will be new league championships in each area. League playoffs will now turn into regional qualifying showdowns to see who moves on to compete.

“Our players, parents and volunteers have endured so much during the pandemic,” said Ian Taylor, executive director

of the OMHA. “We have been planning this for months and believe this is a great way to give them something special to look forward to and to ensure all our participants can be involved in more meaningful hockey right up to March and beyond.”

At the beginning of the season each League was assigned a Tier based on the categories of teams playing within the League. This process was used for the purpose of determining the number of teams within each Tier of the League compared with the overall number of teams from across the OMHA.

This determined the number of teams that the league would send to each of the OMHA championships.

Round robin play will occur on the first two days, with the Semi-Finals and Champi-

onships being decided on the Sunday.

This removes the elimination-style series and keeps more teams playing during the year for a longer period of time. The format has been designed with players, coaches, and parents in mind and minimizes travel time.

OMHA championships will take place over three weekends in March and April and hosted in five locations around the province. Those locations include Barrie, Kingston, Oakville, Whitby, and Windsor.

Specific schedules will be released closer to the dates. The weekends will feature sponsor activations and gifts, excited crowds, official merchandise and live-streaming of games.

Round-robin style play will occur on the first two days of the tournament with semi-finals and championships being decided on the Sunday.

Consistent game-play formats will be followed at the U14 level and below, as well as U15, and above, regarding period lengths and floods.

The championships are sponsored by the Egg Farmers of Ontario.

“Since 2018, Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) has been a proud supporter of the OMHA and are excited to continue that partnership through our involvement in the new OMHA Championship Weekends,” said Scott Helps, EFO Chair. “All teams should take pride in the hard work and perseverance that it takes to win the ultimate prize in minor hockey. These new steps to win the Red Hats will make it more exciting than ever.”

The OMHA Championships will take place over three weekends: March 25 – 17, April 1 – 3, and April 8 – 10, 2022.

PJHL announces Junior C Schmalz Cup championship title sponsor

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Provincial Junior Hockey League’s Schmalz Cup championship will take on a different format this year.

After not crowning a champion for two years due to the pandemic, the League will host a tournament this season to decide the overall Junior C champion in Ontario.

In a regular season, Division champions play off to determine conference champions in a best-of-five series. The final two teams standing go to the championship final.

Because of the interruption in the season this year, the League extended the regular season.

In the Carruthers Division, that allowed each team to get in 30 games to determine the final standings.

That means teams will be playing the regular season into March this year.

Because of the late season, PJHL executive decided the best course of action would be to hold the Schmalz Cup championship in a round-robin style tournament that will be held in a central location.

The tournament will be held at the University of Guelph with the final championship game taking place on May 15, 2022.

The League announced that the Dairy Farms of Ontario will be the title sponsor for the event.

“We are very happy to be able to work with an organization like Dairy Farmers of Ontario,” said Terry Whiteside, PJHL Commissioner. “Our league is all about community hockey in small towns across Ontario and we’re thrilled to be able to present the first-ever Schmalz Cup Championship Tournament for these incredible players.”

After announcing the championship would be played a tournament, the PJHL began looking for a logo for the event and asked people to send in their designs.

“Dairy Farmers of Ontario is proud to be named as title sponsor to this exciting event,” said Cheryl Smith, CEO of the DFO. “Supporting athletes and youth sports is an important part of showing our commitment to the communities we call home.”

The tournament will get underway with preliminary action on May 12, and semi-finals on May 14.

In the Carruthers Division of the League, the playoffs will be very exciting this season as the top four teams all have strengths that could land them on top.

The Stayner Siskins are in first place, followed by the Schomberg Cougars, Orillia Terriers, and the Alliston Hornets. All four teams have had a good season and anything can happen in the playoffs.

The Carruthers Division playoffs will get underway during the second week of March.



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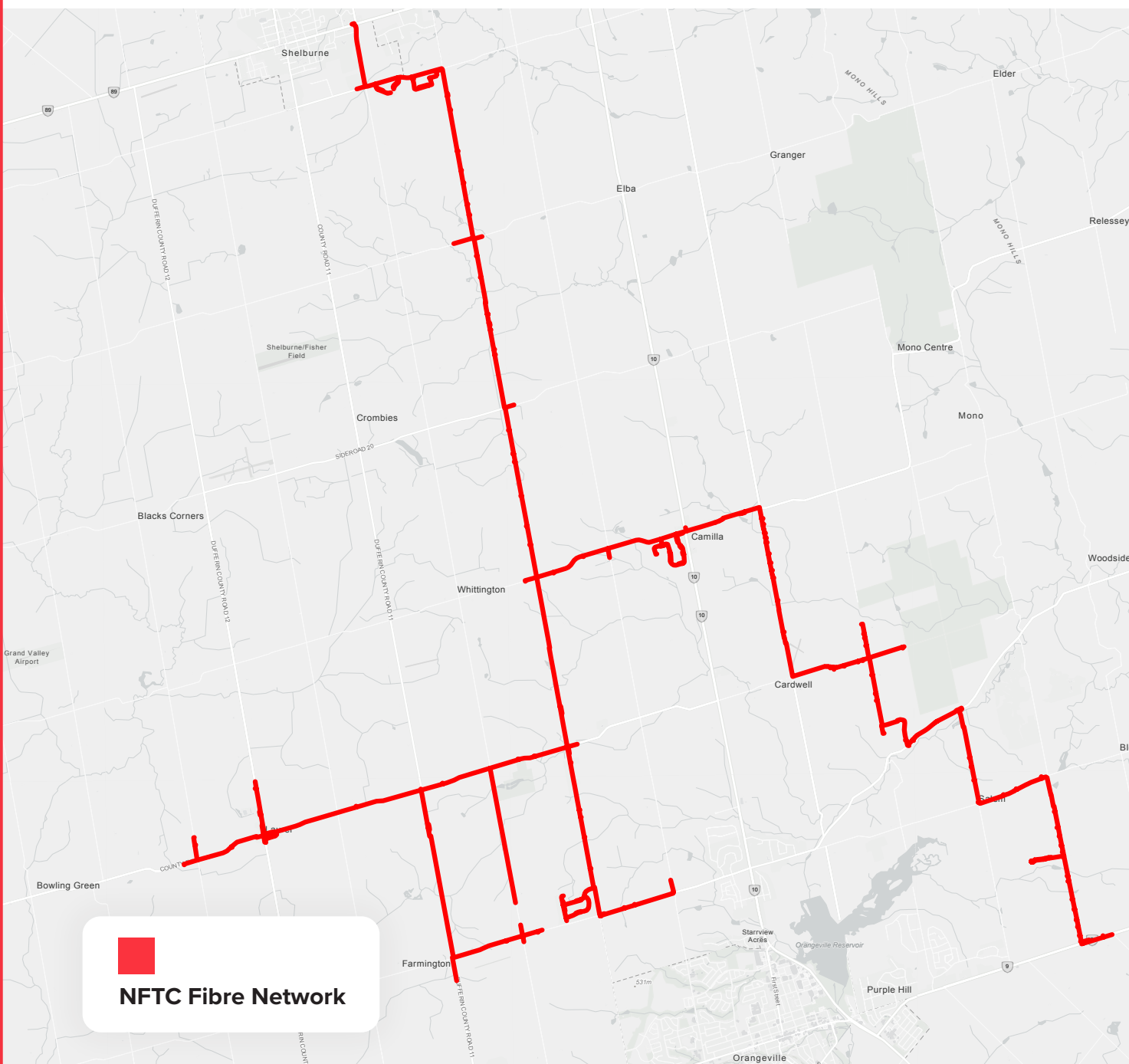
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One day you are going to hug your last hug, kiss your last kiss, and hear someone's voice for the last time, but you never know when the last time will be. Live every day as if it were the last time you will be with the person you love.

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HUXTABLE, MURRAY



At the age of 77, Murray Huxtable passed away peacefully at his home, with his loving wife Ila by his side on Friday, February 18, 2022. Murray was the youngest child of Hunter Huxtable and Annie (Irwin), brother to Ken Huxtable and Donna Reid (both predeceased), and brother to Marlene Heaslip. Murray also loved spending time with his many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, dear friends, and furry creatures.

Murray was born on September 18, 1944, and married his sweetheart Ila Madill, in 1966. In earlier years he worked as a golf course greens keeper prior to starting up his own construction company. He and wife Ila would later buy Chipwoods Park, where they continued to host regular social gatherings and make many life-long friends. Annual pig roasts were a summer event and attended by hundreds of people, always including live country music. Murray's sense of humour and generous spirit were appreciated by all those who knew him. Hunting, fishing, feeding the birds, and enjoying the odd White Sail rum were some of Murray's notable pastimes. Murray was a lover of nature and nature clearly loved him back. Animals were drawn in by his smile and gentle nature and he would be one of very few people who could hold a sunflower seed between his teeth and have birds land on his chin to retrieve it. Thank you to all those who love and cared for Murray. As per Murray's wishes, there will be no funeral service and donations to the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank or a charity of your choice are welcomed. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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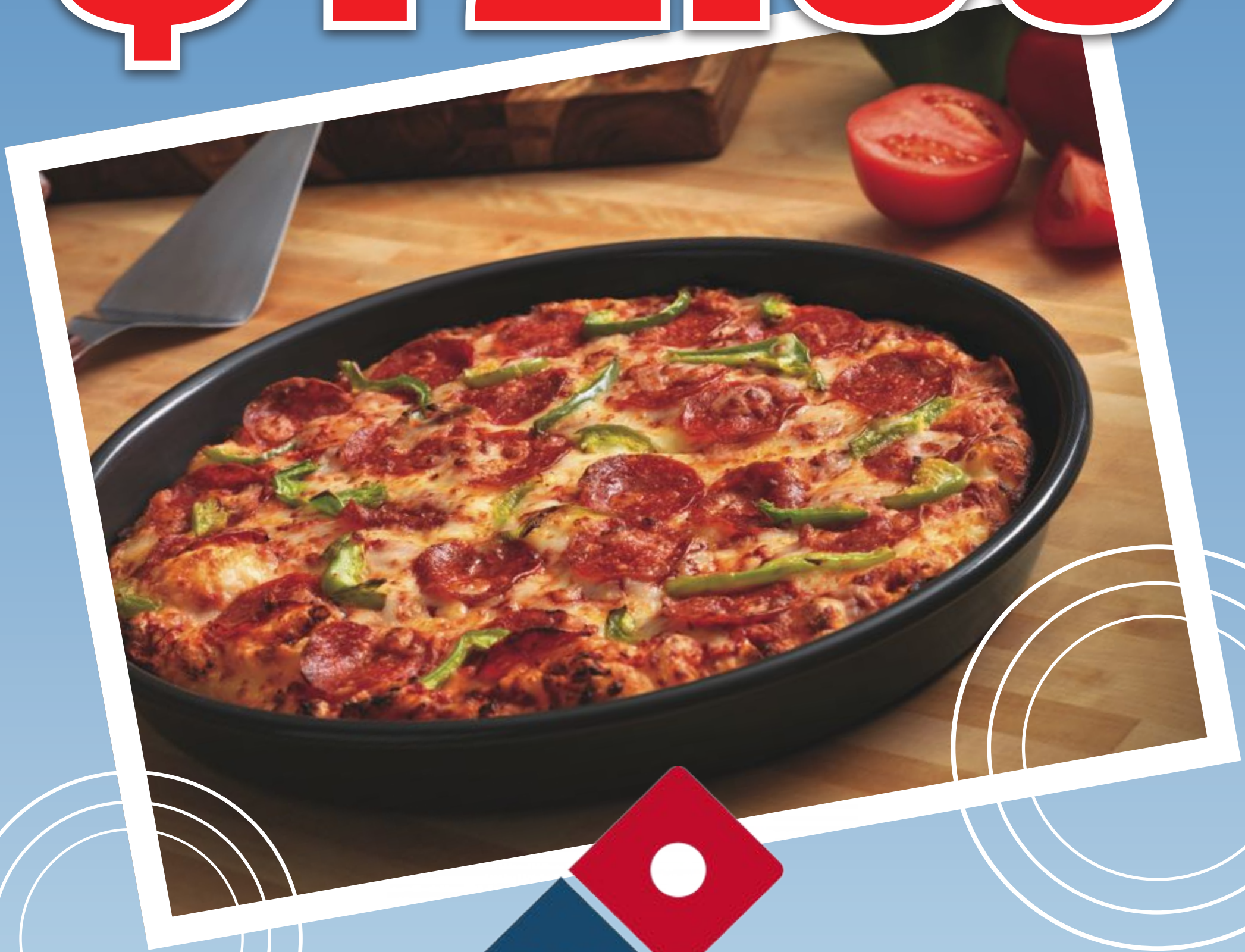
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