

## Shelburne area Q&A and Resource Hub

Have you heard of it? If you haven't you need to go to Facebook and like this public group that goes by the name of Shelburne Area Q&A and Resource Hub. It's where to find out anything and everything that is Shelburne!

When Mairi McCrae opened an office in the downtown core for her business At Home Reality, she also started a Facebook group that she hoped would bring more attention to the goings on in our town. Mairi wanted a way to attract more business to the downtown core and also to the many home based business that there truly are in our town and thought this would be the best way to showcase it.

Since its inception in January this year, this group has grown to almost 1500 members. The rules are listed for everyone to see and read as follows: This group is for Shelburne and area residents to ask questions, receive answers and share relevant community information such as school bus cancellations, store opening/closings, sales, social events, fundraisers, election/town information, ?where can I find...? etc.

Posts including spam, online sales or recruitment, religious or world events that spark debate, sexual, abusive, illegal, aggressive or slanderous posts will NOT be allowed and offenders will be immediately removed. Please be kind and considerate to each other. This is NOT a debate forum so please don't post anything that doesn't specifically deal with Shelburne current events, Q&A or local brick and mortar business.

No buying or selling of individual items in the group or spam posts however, please feel free to announce specific local business current events/sales/announcements that will benefit our residents and please list your local business in the relevant ?Business Directory' folder in ?Photos'.

While it would be wonderful to have our elected officials or staff on board ie, Councillors and Mayors, please respect they have NO obligation to participate in this group and most work at other jobs therefore may be delayed in responding if you post directly to them. If you'd like to address a specific Councillor or our area Mayors, please use their email address as listed on the Town of Shelburne or Township websites for best results.

This group is becoming a valuable tool if you live in or around Shelburne and I highly recommend you like this group and follow along if you want to find out what is happening on a daily basis. It is also an excellent place to go to ask any question, with answers from Shelburnites almost instantaneously. I thank Mairi for all her hard work at being the prime administrator of this group and for making such a great resource available to everyone.

**By Michelle Janzen**