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And what do angry parents and fans look like to kids watching from the ice? A humorous look through the eyes of children: 1st year hockey players, Bryson Landriault, 14, Right Wing Bantam for the Shelburne Wolves, and younger brother Logan Landriault 10, Goalie, Atom Rep for the Shelburne Wolves provide their impressions of what angered and upset parents and fans look like to them.

Remember when hockey was all about the game? Well times have changed!

BY ALEX SHER

Perhaps comedian Rodney Dangerfield said it best, "I went to a fight the other night, and a hockey game broke out!"

Recently locally and across the country, the behaviour of some hockey parents and fans in the stands is coming under a nation-wide blanket of scrutiny as poor sportsmanship is being exhibited unlike we've seen before reaching new lows and embarrassing highs.

The behaviour of the select few found behaving more like childish bullies can no longer be ignored as incidents escalate to potentially violent confrontations requiring police intervention. Suddenly, some hockey parents require police to "parent" and the game of hockey; a faint memory where once upon a time Canadian cities could proudly boast of a forum where the level of sportsmanship was second to none.

And what is the reason? There are many opinions and Shelburne has quite a few. Local hockey parents shared their thoughts on the matter.

Hockey mom, Karen Doiron commented, "This year the league took out contact in Pee-wee. I think referees are forgetting that and should be making more calls," further reflecting on the subject, "This gets parents frustrated."

Hockey Mom, Jennifer Eggleton, shared her thoughts, commenting, "Refs should be paying

more attention to what is going on. Kids are getting frustrated. I think referees should have to take refresher courses with every change in rules."

Tom Doiron, hockey dad, couldn't pin point one particular reason for the situation, "Well, it's hockey and because it's hockey, it's the nature of the game. You don't see that sort of behaviour in other sports," Dorion mentioned that in all other sports involving kids Peewee age level, the anger and belligerent comments made by fans and parents never escalate to the degree hockey parents and fans in the stands reach. "I think some parents are living vicariously through their kids and get too involved, cheering bad behavior and aggression. It very unsportsmanlike. I don't blame it on officials especially in the minor leagues - these refs are young and they are learning too."

Assistant manager for visiting Peewee Team from Midland, Qamber Khawaja had a different take, commenting, "I think some parents have a lack of working knowledge about hockey and don't really understand how the team is put together - coaches are trying to build a winning team. Some parents get so upset especially when line changes happen quickly and they feel their child deserves more ice time, every kid on the team is important, but that's hockey. It's a game."

Khawaja's point is not wasted in theory. Even stars attending the Olympics for Team Canada had to sit while their team mates played and the parents of those players never exhibited bad behaviour, not even once!

Long time local sports enthusiast and hockey dad, Bill Gillam of Shelburne Home Hardware Building Centre was quick to point out the heart of the matter,

"You have to understand it's a game. If you take the fun out of it, kids won't want to play. Hockey is competitive, but there's good competitive and bad competitive."

Case in point, this past January, the NHL displayed one of the worst examples of sportsmanship while simultaneously giving the world a look into priorities of marketing the game and feeding the fans what they want in hockey entertainment. The Canucks vs Calgary game didn't even begin with a puck dropping. At the very start, gloves came off, sticks flew, fists flamed and the fans went wild! Within the first two seconds of the game, 142 penalties, and 8 ejections happened. Reminiscent of a Gladiator fight in a Colosseum, the 'Fans' wanted that fight, loved the fight, relished the fight and be assured money was made in expectation of fans filling the stands hoping to see more of the same sort of fiasco in future.

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ARA response favourable but NDACT not relaxing

BY WES KELLER

North Dufferin Agriculture and Community Taskforce (NDACT) is seeing a glimmer of hope in the government's response to the 27 recommendations of the Standing Committee on General Government's 2013 review of the Aggregate Resources Act.

The response was issued last Thursday, Feb. 20, by Natural Resources Minister David Orazietti.

Although NDACT had been disappointed when the recommendations were released in December because there had been no specific

reference to protecting prime farmland, spokesman John Decrombrugge said that "despite excellent recommendations made by several agricultural stakeholders, the ARA report contained no protection for prime farmland or source water regions. Instead, it focused on the sketchy scenario of rehabilitating pits and quarries to farmland."

Now, however, he takes heart from one paragraph in the response which states, "On the matter of aggregate extraction on prime agricultural lands, the government believes that there may be

a need to go beyond the Committee's recommendations to address concerns expressed by some of our agricultural stakeholders and through various public interest groups, about the need to better protect farmland," the response states in part.

"Thanks to your letters and e-mails, it appears the government is paying attention. We're getting closer to creating a lasting legacy for our province and future generations. Like the Canadian women's hockey team, we never give up," Mr. Decrombrugge said in an email.

The government's response notes, however,

that it is caught in a balancing act between the two vital needs of agricultural land and aggregates. It acknowledges that "Ontario's farmland is a finite, nonrenewable resource and its long-term protection is important to the government, while saying that the government is "striving to achieve a balance that meets our need for aggregate resources while protecting other key assets like water, natural and cultural heritage and agricultural resources."

The minister states that the government supports increased recycling of aggregates.

In the meantime, NDACT is not sitting back and twiddling thumbs in the hopes that Classes 1, 2 and 3 soils will be protected by outcome of the review and the response.

Instead, it is proceeding apace with its Food and Water First campaign and has garnered numerous partnerships, including a number of municipal councils, Toronto included, and the Land Over Landings anti-Pickering Airport group, among others.

In Toronto on March 26 at 7 p.m., Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre and Fairlawn United Church are holding a Food and Water First event called Fairlawn Stock "to learn more about the initiatives to protect prime Ontario farmland."

This Toronto venue will feature Carl Cosack and Donna Tranquada as guest speakers. Those in attendance will be treated to soup from the Fairlawn Soup Ministry along with coffee from the Aroma Espresso Bar and "sweet treats."

Tickets to the event will be \$5 a person or \$10 for a family.

Listing calories on menus in Ontario

Ontario will introduce legislation today to make it easier for families to make informed and healthy food choices.

The Making Healthier Choices Act, if passed, would make Ontario the first province to require food service premises to post calories on menus.

The proposed legislation was developed following consultations with the food industry, health sector and parents. Specific measures in the legislation include:

Requiring calories for food and beverages, including alcohol, to be posted on menus and menu boards in restaurants, convenience stores, grocery stores and other food service premises with 20 or more locations in Ontario.

Requiring food service operators to post a contextual statement that would help to educate patrons about their daily caloric requirements.

Authorizing public health inspectors to enforce menu labelling requirements.

This initiative builds on other steps Ontario is taking to help families live healthier, including the Healthy Kids Community Challenge – a province-wide initiative encouraging community leaders along with private and public sector partners to come together and develop initiatives to help kids stay healthy and active.

Making it easier for Ontario families to choose healthy foods is a key component of the Healthy Kids Strategy and supports Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care. It is also part of the government's economic plan that is creating jobs for today and tomorrow by focusing



Hockey Dad, Tom Doiron



Patrick Dusome (left), Assistant Helper and Gamber Khawaja, Assistant Manager of Midland Peewee #3.



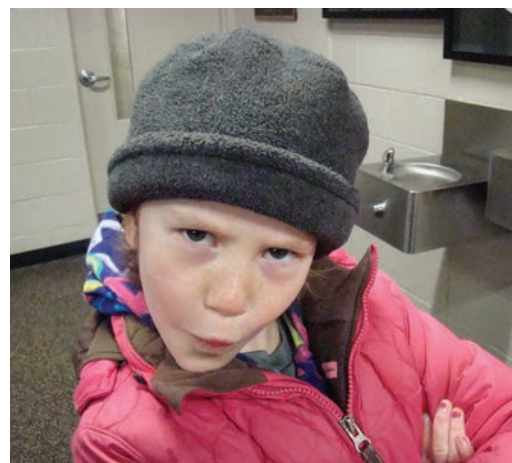
Hockey moms Karen Doiron and Jennifer Eggleton



Patrick Baird (left), 8, Novice Left Wing for Shelburne Wolves, and Raeburn Niedzwiecki, 8, Right Wing Novice Rep, Shelburne Wolves, think angry parents and fans in the stands look like this!



Brendan Mathews (left), 11, Right Wing for Shelburne Wolves, Peewee Rep, Liam Mathews, 8, Goalie, Novice Rep for Shelburne Wolves, provide their impressions of fans and parents in the stands behaving badly.



Megan Woodhouse, 8, Left Winger, Novice Creemore Valley Hawks gives her impression of parents and fans in the stands with a bad attitude.

Win or lose... it's how your parents behave in the stands?

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This kind of crowd mentality certainly filters all the way down through the entire industry and eventually finds its way into our local arenas and even though everyone may be of different opinions as to why it's happening, everyone can agree the behaviour has to stop.

So what is the solution? It's so simple. Everyone one in the country has to step up and do their jobs! What does this mean? Since we cannot at present rely on the NHL to set the example of sportsmanship and maintain high standards of quality protecting our country's beloved game of hockey and our impressionable youth, the major responsibility falls onto the shoulders of all hockey parents, nationwide. When Hockey parents do their jobs, they set the stage for future Sidney Crosby's, responsible and respected future citizens of their community and the

world. When parents rise above negative comments, and that means at home and away, they send a message by putting children above all else, reinforcing the idea they are examples of people who are admired in society for all the right reasons. Parents need to prove to kids they are actually parents who are adults and adults should never need to be parented by police during a sport for any reason. Remember Police are the good guys who catch bad guys-not parents at a hockey game- so smarten up! We can do better than that!

Shelburne's Constable Paul Neumann commented, "Parents, coaches, and fans need to set an example of good sportsmanship. This behaviour is not the message to be sending our youth in hockey."

When coaches do their jobs, the game becomes about the game. When referees do their

jobs, (especially young referees still learning) the game takes priority without fear of retribution from an angry mob of parents. Humans make mistakes. Mistakes can be rectified, especially when adults remember they are adults.

With this proactive strategy, the domino effect will undoubtedly ensue but it will take a country's collaborative effort and in short term – community to community support and commitment.

As a proud member of the community of Shelburne, the general consensus reported to me conveys the unanimous agreement that there has to be a positive change in the behaviour of hockey parents and fans across the board, locally and nationally. What could be better than Shelburne setting standards of excellence and sportsmanship by answering the most important question, "Have you got game?"

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Shelburne Kinettes and National Act of Kindness Day

BY ALEX SHER

Kin Canada was founded in 1920 by Harold Rogers and this non-profit organization exudes positive values and national pride. Shelburne Kinettes celebrated National Day of Kindness on Saturday February 22nd and in a random act of kindness gave beautiful bunches of flowers to the community of Shelburne. Many lucky recipients were thrilled by the unexpected gift that had been donated to the Kinettes by French's Flowers.

"When we were approached by the Kinettes, we thought it was a good idea and a really nice thing to do for the community," commented Patricia Racanelli, owner of French's Flowers.

"You never know what everyone is going through. This makes me feel awesome especially when people give you the biggest smile!" commented Kinette, Nikki Williams who had been randomly giving out bouquets to the people of Shelburne.

For more information about Kin Canada or Shelburne's Kinettes visit kincanada.ca/. For information about French's Flowers located at 713 Industrial Road, #3, contact owner, Patricia Racanelli at 519 925-2070 or visit www.frenchsflowers.ca



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

(L to R) Sisters, Annabella, 7, and Charlotte Wallace, 6 received a very welcomed surprise that made their day so much brighter when a Kinette randomly gave them a beautiful bouquet of flowers in celebration of National Day of Kindness, on February 22nd.

Amaranth appeals to prime minister

BY WES KELLER

Faced with an improbability of forcing the 230kv Dufferin Wind Power (DWPI) to be buried wherever it crosses the township, Amaranth council is appealing not only to both Premier Kathleen Wynne and Prime Minister Stephen Harper to kill the entire DWPI wind farm.

A township council motion of Feb. 19 by Deputy Mayor Walter Kolodziechuk cites five reasons why the council considers the transmission line and the wind farm should be considered prematurely approved, and asks for "an immediate moratorium on this project until ordinary people are assured, given the proof, of their safety and security and the environment that surrounds them."

"And further that health studies be undertaken immediately to establish a baseline before operation of the Wind Farm and Transmission Line and that a compensation plan be in place to protect people their health and wealth," the motion reads.

The appeal was directed personally to the premier and the prime minister.

Not surprisingly, the first of the five reasons cited was related to the transmission line. "Whereas the Ontario Energy Board has approved the (DWPI) project, specifically ignoring human health and environmental impacts....," the reason states before moving on to cite opposition from the affected municipalities, among other things mainly health related.

The apparent emphasis on the power line is not surprising, as both Amaranth and Melancton have stated in the past that they feel like second class since the line would be buried through more densely populated Shelburne.

If there is no risk to human health from overhead high voltage lines, they have asked rhetorically, why bury the line through an urban area and past a school.

As well, Amaranth Mayor Don MacIver had appeared as a presenter at the Environmental Review Tribunal to speak passionately against upholding the OEB's leave to construct the line in accordance with the design. He pointed out, in addition to health effects he had researched, that Amaranth's rules are that power lines be buried.

The mayor had also spoken against a \$1.4-million county agreement with DWPI for an easement on the county-owned rail corridor, saying he wanted to take the agreement back to his council before voting on it.

In a news release apparently issued and/or approved by all members of the council, Amaranth says:

"There is sufficient evidence worldwide on the health effects of Electromagnetic Fields from high voltage lines to invoke the precautionary principle and undertake in situ health and environmental studies."

It goes on to say that the 230kv lines are the ones on the giant stands in the electricity corridors of the provincial grid.

"Here, the 230kv line on single wood poles will be located on a 10-metre strip with property owner's fences on one side and the county recreational trail on the other."

Mayor MacIver, apart from the motion and the release, has questioned whether there would be a health risk to trail users from the resulting EMF.

The appeal has been made at a time when

DWPI is advanced in its development of the wind farm's access roads and turbine tower bases. It also comes at a time when Melancton resident Dennis Sanford is launching an appeal of the ERT ruling to Divisional Court, and CORE (Conserve Our Rural Environment) is waiting in the wings to deliver its own appeal to the minister of environment.

Deputy Kolodziechuk could not be reached for comment, so it wasn't clear if burial of the line would satisfy Amaranth's concerns. However, DWPI had already asserted that burial of the 230kv line for its full distance would be impractical.

The county needs to decide on the lease agreement prior to March 10 – an extension to an earlier deadline of Feb.18.



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NATIONAL CUPCAKE DAY WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 24TH – In 2013, animal lovers everywhere raised over 400,000 for their favorite charities. The idea is to bake cupcakes, have a cupcake party, or bring the cupcakes to work, receive donations in exchange for a cupcake and make a difference to animals that are unwanted, abused, need critical care, are abandoned or neglected. For more information go www.facebook.com/nationalcupcakeday, or call Paws and Claws, the SPCA Thrift Store in Shelburne, located on Main St. at 519 925-9956. Pictured, from left: Local SPCA volunteer at Shelburne's Paws & Claws, Marg Robertson is happy to take part in the SPCA and Humane Society's Fundraising Event, National Cupcake Day, where regular supporter, Barbara Monette makes her contribution and enjoys a cupcake.

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Facing dilemmas, facilitating change

BY WENDY GABREK

When you have big decisions to make in your life, how do you handle it?

For me, I tend to withdraw within, separating myself from the unnecessary and reflecting on my situation until an obvious, or forced, answer results.

Praying for signs from above, or the universe to open a pathway in front of me, I often dread making big decisions, which in turn means I'm often left stuck with the consequence of indecision.

I'm currently reading the book 'Always Change a Losing Game'. The title of the book, a play on words from the sporting world, drew me in. Just the word 'change' alone was the subject matter I needed to read up on.

Change is difficult for everyone – especially people who don't like change (lol). I currently have three major life decisions I am processing. All involve change and all are linked together by just a few degrees of separation. By changing one, or all of my situations, there will be a

trickle-down affect – a ripple – into many areas of my life. I am being vague because I do not want my personal dilemmas made public, but I do want to discuss the process used to determine: a. When does one know a change is necessary; b. How you go about implementing said change; c. How far do you go without risking a 'Jenga', or toppling, affect.

I have thought about the easiest route to determine the answers I so desire. Prayer is my first resource. But for me, prayer is difficult. I often get distracted, or my thoughts wander and I realize that I am no longer praying, but instead making a grocery or 'things to do' list in my head. Meditation is another way to achieve answers. Again, it is very loud in my head, making meditation a chore – this is an area I could focus more on, but I don't. Consulting with a psychic is another way. This method, quite different from the first two options, has always intrigued me. I can't say I know any psychics, and have no idea what they would cost. Plus, I believe that they only focus on 'generaliza-

tions' and when you need the specifics, that just won't do. I have also considered psychotherapy as an option. Sometimes, starting from the beginning to explain how you've arrive at your current predicament sounds exhausting. I tried group therapy a few years back, and that wasn't for me either (the large group of people who gathered weekly seemed to have much larger problems than myself – dealing with murdered loved ones, etc. – and I felt out of place). I also tried counselling, which could have been effective, but talking to someone once a month on a timer set for an hour doesn't accomplish much.

If I were a teenager I'd have a guidance counsellor to talk to. If I were a child, I'd have a parent to guide me. As the parent of youngsters, I can easily steer the lives of my children – seeing clearly what they must do to achieve their goals and better themselves. But I am no longer a child, and the parent I trusted is deceased.

Where does this leave people like myself? A life coach can be an option (if you have the money and the time), but otherwise as adults, we're on our own. And, because our decisions always affect our children, we usually remain

stagnant, knowing a change is necessary but not having the resources to affect that change, or the understanding of how the change will affect your destiny.

When I visualize making a change – especially a dramatic one – I am standing on a cliff's edge. The mountain and my surroundings are gray but my wings are multi-coloured. I leap without fear, not knowing where I will land, and not really caring at the time. I feel elated and free. The dream sequence ends there. This tells me that the journey ahead isn't as important as the launch. Perhaps this is why I am failing to launch in my life. The jump is just a fantasy, but the predictability and stability of the solid earth under my feet keeps me planted. I'm not afraid of losing, or falling, or failing – that's not what holds me back. I'm a survivor, and I know I will always bounce back. When I break it all down, it must be laziness. That's the only thing that makes sense to me. My inability to act stems from my refusal to take that step forward. The consequences of my inaction cannot be measured – who knows what I'm missing out on – but the consequences of any action I could take seem too overwhelming to deal with.

Change: necessary, needed, not happening. Hmm.

The game inside the game

Dear editor:

I read with interest the article in our local papers last week with regard to police officers attending Shelburne Minor Hockey games. I honestly was not surprised but I was most definitely upset to see where an organization for children has ended up.

Members of Shelburne Minor Hockey are giving up their time from many different sects of life. There are policeman, paramedics, firemen, teachers, owners of local businesses, the list goes on and on involved in this organization. The point, I believe, of this organization is to provide a safe environment for our children to play the sport, to learn to interact with others with RESPECT and work as a team. Unfortunately, this is not always being achieved. We now have coaches on the bench cursing the referee or degrading him or her with words far from praise. As you can imagine, this then passes down to the children on the ice using profanity to the referee and then it gets worse. We have parents actually taking to social media and posting "on their private site" the name of the referee, profanity against the referee and total defamation of character. It seems that this is okay because unless that person actually succumbs to personally losing something from that post nothing can be done. What are we teaching our children? I do want to clarify this does not apply to everyone but it does come as a shock who it does apply to!

Are you prepared to give your time and energy to do this job if you find it is done so poorly? Did you ever see on national TV a

sport played where a call was either missed or wrongly judged by the official of that game intentionally? Is your goal to actually create a personal vendetta against a certain individual? Does an official want to see an injury occur? I believe we can all answer no! So, why is it allowed in a small town community organization such as this? I am sure we have all seen the ads and been advised in our workplace of the rules against bullying. Does this not fall in that category? When you are at your place of employment would you accept being treated in this manner?

I know personally the people taking on this job in our community for this sport are doing it for good. They are giving up their own personal time in order to give something back to an organization where they received something good. They do not go out to come home feeling badly. They want to come home feeling good knowing they have achieved their goal, a love for the sport, giving back to their community and encouraging others to take on a job that is truly necessary to have this organization continue.

In ending, I would like to praise and thank the people who are trying find a cure for this bad situation. The board of Shelburne Minor Hockey and President Mike Fazackerley are doing their best in a time when light at the end of the tunnel is not very bright unless the whole team comes together to work.

Sharon Giles,
Shelburne

Making services more accessible

Dear editor:

The Ontario Liberal government is committed to helping people in rural communities by making it easier for them to access government services, like providing them with the option to go online. In Ontario today, families are busier than ever. With so many important priorities, people often don't have time to wait in line to apply for a driver's license or birth certificate.

We have always understood the importance of investing in broadband infrastructure. We need to ensure that rural residents have access to high-speed, high-quality internet connections. That's why, since 2007, our government has invested nearly \$120 million in rural broadband infrastructure. This means that ninety-five percent of residents in eastern Ontario, more than half-a-million residents and businesses in southern Ontario and twenty-six First Nations communities in northern Ontario have access to high-speed broadband service.

High-speed broadband is the foundation of a competitive, modern economy. Previously, if you wanted to start a business or access government services online you needed to be in a large city. Now, there are start-up companies emerging in all corners of the province and Ontarians can access a range of services online, no matter where they live.

ServiceOntario is a leader in the delivery of modern government services. We want to make Ontarians in rural communities familiar and comfortable with all the services available online at ServiceOntario.ca, like renewing your driver's licence, updating your address and registering for a marriage certificate. In total, there are more than 40 services offered online at ServiceOntario.ca.

We understand that people want government to fit into their everyday lives – not the other way around. We will continue working to ensure government services are easily accessible for all as part of our plan to invest in people, invest in infrastructure and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

John Milloy, Minister of Government Services
and Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs

Word on the Street

We asked: "Did you watch Canada's Olympic women's hockey team win the gold medal in Sochi?"



"I'm from Midland and we had a snow day. I watched it in my living room with my boyfriend. We were really happy."

– Lorna Lawson



"I was watching at school in my classroom. They projected it on the screen. I thought that they wouldn't win, but they pulled together and did."

– Michelle Earle



"Yes, I saw it in school. We watched it in class. Every time the U.S. went into the Canadian zone everyone was getting worried. We put our hands up in the air and celebrated when they won."

– Joel Playford



"Yes I did. I was at home watching it with my dad and my brother. I thought it was a pretty good game and they represented out country really well. I was worried when they were down but I didn't give up on them."

– Alysanne Dever

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Results from last week's poll:

Were you surprised at how well Canada did at the Winter Olympics in Sochi?

a) Yes	<div style="width: 40%; background-color: black; height: 10px;"></div>	40%
b) No	<div style="width: 60%; background-color: black; height: 10px;"></div>	60%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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a. Yes
b. No

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Shelburne council approves condos

BY WES KELLER

A 40-unit condominium proposal for Shelburne's Gordon Street has finally been altered such that it satisfies town council's planning requirements and a privacy issue with a residential property at Gordon and Second Avenue.

The council Monday generally approved the development by bylaw, but there won't be any shovels in the ground until Stoneridge Holdings has satisfied site plan requirements and obtained a condominium plan approval.

Planner Steve Wever said in a phone interview that it typically would require between six and 12 months to complete the requirements.

At the council's meeting in December 2013, Deputy Mayor Ken Bennington took issue with the proposal for four-plexes at the south end of Gordon, adjacent to Main Street, and residents of a corner house on Second Avenue at Gordon were concerned that the most northerly condo unit would overlook their living room and their swimming pool.

The plan approved Monday would replace the fourplex units at issue with single storey semi-detached units facing Main Street. There would be townhouses to the rear of the semi-detached.

On the privacy issue, Mr. Wever said the unit of concern would be moved for greater separation from the private dwelling. As well, there would be privacy fencing built and trees planted.

The development fronts on Gordon and backs generally onto the railway corridor, which at the moment is considered as part of the town's trails plan.

The diagram attached to the proposal shows the corridor as a "Trans Canada Trail" although it is owned by the County of Dufferin, and not Trans Canada. Initially, CP Rail gave the corridor north of Orangeville to Trans Canada when it abandoned its Owen Sound Subdivision branch line, but Trans Canada decided it was not required.

Subsequently, the Counties of Dufferin and Grey acquired ownership. Orangeville, meantime, had purchased the more southerly portion.

Stoneridge is not fazed by the likelihood that a 230kv power line will be built on the corridor, nor by the remote possibility that rail service could eventually be restored.

The developer has said that both issues would be included in sales agreements.

The county is currently negotiating with Dufferin Wind Power for an easement on the corridor. Otherwise, the preliminaries for DWP's expropriation are set to begin next Tuesday.

Legion news

It's that time of year again, Newfie Time! Tickets are on sale at the branch, don't wait. They go fast. Off the Rockers will be performing that night (March 8), there will be a boiled dinner and tons of fun all for \$15 each. Euchre in the day and Bingo in the evening, there's no better way to spend a Monday. Our monthly breakfast is on March 2nd, thank you to Downey Potatoes for supplying the potatoes each month. Our next Wing Night is on March 7th, back by popular demand is Midnight Special. Get rid of the winter blahhs by coming out to our Beach Bash. Wear your craziest Hawaiian shirt or your brightest shorts. The fun all takes place on the 14th of March. Volunteers are a very important part of the operation of the legion. If you are interested in joining a great group of people just call the branch and sign up 519 925-3800.

Correction

In the February 19th, 2014 edition of the Shelburne Free Press, in the article entitled 'Shelburne Legion News', it was stated that "Darla" won first prize in the Karaoke. The name is wrong, it should read Doris Davidson was the winner. "Although I didn't realize it was being judged at the time I was pleasantly surprised when I did win!" Doris told the Free Press.

Realtors get real with three mistakes homeowners make when selling their home



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Local iPro realtors Bob and Gerry McInnes have very helpful advice to help avoid three big mistakes when selling your home.

BY ALEX SHER

Local iPro realtors, Bob McInnes and wife, Gerry Kilgour-McInnes have over fifty years of realtor experience between them and when it comes to advice for Shelburne and Orangeville homeowners interested in selling, the McInnes' have a lot of helpful advice to provide.

When asked what the biggest mistake homeowners make when putting their homes up for sale, without a pause, realtor, Bob McInnes offered three big mistakes. Mistake number can be serious, "Pricing of the property! Some homeowners want to place a price that is too high over the market, and as the market climbs, homeowners face having to drop their price," commented McInnes

Risking selling a house at an overinflated price, then being forced to lower a price may result in an unprofitable sale or even worse, a loss. McInnes highly recommends setting a price that is adequate for the market at the time and says a realtor can help with that.

Big mistake number two homeowners make is more a state of mind situation regarding the time of year to consider selling. McInnes explains, "Many people believe the best and only time to sell a house is when the grass is green and potential buyers can appreciate the property. The problem with that is homeowners find themselves competing with many new listings. Most people have photographs of the property in summer to showcase. I recommend homeowners concentrate on selling the house."

As a realtor and father, McInnes knows all about the problems kids face during a move that can result in the crushing of a child's social life and reports what experience has shown him, commenting, "Mistake number three for more than a few parents with elementary school aged children involves waiting to sell until the school year ends. If you move in May for example, kids will have a whole month to make friends just in time for a friend filled summer and when they go back to school they will al-

ready have friends."

For those looking to retire in Shelburne, McInnes describes attractive features to potential retirees who are interested in a quiet life, love the outdoors, noting the Bruce Trail is relatively close, those who do not mind a short drive to basic amenities and is very quick to point out, "Shelburne doesn't have a hospital and though that is a concern for some, they need to know that Shelburne's Emergency Ambulance Service Providers are highly trained individuals who are top notch in their field and reminds, Orangeville is not far to the hospital."

McInnes, sometimes a traditionalist who loves bicycling, is also progressively very excited about the soon to be up and running live chat feature that will be offered on their personal realtor website at <http://orangevilleshelburne.com/>

For more information contact iPro Realtors Bob and Gerry McInnes at 519 943-7048 or visit the website at www.iporealty.com

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- Whole ball of ____
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- At the end
- Spring bloom
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- Van or skirt
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- Get up

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- Diva's specialty
- Contour feather
- Check
- Squeal

DOWN

- Footless creature
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- Type of paint
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- Beef jerky
- Hideout
- Circular current
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- Douglas ____ (tree)
- Okay
- Discontinue
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- Approximate
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- Enlarge
- Skipper's diary
- Actress Farrow
- Hat's edge
- Personal atmosphere
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- "____ Street"
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- Metal container
- Billfold item
- Irritated
- Feel a dull pain
- Midday
- Small forest-buffalo
- Resting place
- Single thickness
- Fish eggs
- Ingest
- Ten times ten
- Flying stinger
- Conform
- Hose holder
- Old-fashioned
- "Mine eyes have ____ . . ."
- Sandwich filler
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Vince Hawkes to be appointed as OPP Commissioner

Ontario OPP Deputy Commissioner Vince Hawkes has been chosen to replace retiring Commissioner Chris Lewis.

"I am excited about the new challenge and humbled by the responsibility," said Hawkes. "I will do my best to lead this fine organization forward with the vision and courage demonstrated by my predecessors."

Originally from the National Capital Region, Deputy Hawkes joined the OPP in 1984 and served in a variety of progressively responsible roles.

He is currently the Deputy Commissioner for Field Operations and is responsible for the operational activities of five OPP Regions, as well as the Aboriginal Policing Bureau and approximately 4,500 personnel.

Well known and respected both within the

OPP and the broader Canadian and international police sector, Deputy Hawkes brings a wealth of experience to his new role and, having worked closely with the outgoing Commissioner, will provide important continuity of leadership for the organization.

"Having worked closely with Vince over many years, I know the OPP will be in good hands after I retire. I join many others in congratulating him on this very well deserved appointment," said retiring Commissioner Chris Lewis.

The OPP is one of the largest deployed police forces in North America with over 9,000 civilian and uniform employees who provide a variety of specialized provincial policing services and municipal policing services to 324 communities.

2013 annual report shows a significant drop in crime rate

The 2013 Annual Report from the Shelburne Police is out and the statistics reveal encouraging numbers.

Over the past few years the Shelburne Police Service has not only focused on solving crime and promoting public safety through investigations and enforcement, but has been progressively increasing its community involvement and programs with the ultimate goal of reducing the crime rates.

This includes increases in officers conducting beat downtown, officers in parks, officers at schools, bike patrol, R.I.D.E. programs, school programs, and other public education programs. "Officers being visible, approachable and interactive in the community are a big part of this approach" says Constable Paul Neumann. The results of these efforts are clear based on the statistics revealed in this annual report. Since peaking in 1991, the crime rate in Canada has been on a slow downward slide; however the drop in crime rate in Shelburne last year was significant.

Here are some highlights of the report:

In 2013 Shelburne Police responded to 4493 calls for service. These calls include a large variety of incidents such as: 9-1-1 misdials, alarms, animal complaints, attempts or threat of suicide, assaults, bail/probation violations, break and enters, child custody disputes, domestic disputes, drug offences, family and neighbour disputes, fires, frauds, impaired driving, landlord tenant issues, liquor licence act, mental health, mischiefs, missing persons, motor vehicle collisions, by-law issues, noise com-

plaints, lost property, sexual assaults, sudden deaths, thefts, threats, traffic complaints, trespass to property, trouble with youth, warrants, weapons and many more.

In total Shelburne Police laid 2,473 criminal, federal and provincial charges in 2013.

The big news is the significant decrease in reported crime from 2012 to 2013:

- Violent Crime – decrease of 27.7%
- Property Crime – decrease of 25.9%
- Other Criminal Offences: decrease of 38.5% (includes but not limited to bail violations, indecent acts, threatening, harassment, counterfeit money...)
- Illegal Drug Offences: - decrease of 4%

For the past several years the Statistics Canada report titled "Police Resources in Canada" has shown Shelburne as the number one police agency compared to 13 other municipal police agencies with a population greater than 5,000 and less than 14,999 for the clearance of crime, based on the Statistics Canada Crime Severity Index. Remaining well above the national average for clearance rates on crime is an important goal for our service. In 2013, Shelburne Police reported an overall criminal clearance rate of 76.5% compared to the national average of 43.4% (2012 national average from Statistics Canada – 2013 national average not available yet).

"These numbers don't just happen without dedicated, hard working police officers and a supportive community", states Chief Kent Moore. "The more our service is proactive with the community, the safer it will be".

If it sounds too good to be true...

OPP officers regularly give presentations on the topic of fraud to help the community recognize, report and stop fraudulent behaviour. Here are a few suggestions to help you take charge and be in control with regards to phone and door threats. Tips for handling a phone threat: Don't give personal information over the phone; Don't believe if the caller says they have something special to offer or you have won a prize- Get the facts before you give. If the caller says, act now, they're doing you a favor-refuse immediately, you are not obligated. Tips for handling a door threat: If there is an unknown person at your door-don't open it, talk through it; If approached in your yard-don't invite them in; If a suspicious salesperson tries to rush you to buy something – refuse; If the salesperson suggests they're working in your area – don't believe them and get estimates elsewhere. The old adage "if it sounds too good to be true...it probably is" is very good advice and will keep you safe. You are in charge...take control!

Warmer temperatures risk snow melts

The forecasted rainfall and warm temperatures in the days to come may result in the partial melting of the snow and can result in increased stream flows.

As a result of the forecasted rainfall and snow melt, local streams and waterways will become dangerous, especially in the vicinity of culverts and bridges.

The Dufferin Detachment of the OPP wishes to remind parents to keep children away from all bodies of water, regardless of depth. Research has shown that six inches of fast-moving water can knock over an adult and two feet of rushing water to carry away a vehicle. If you come to an area that is covered with water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is especially true at night, when your vision is more limited.

For more safety tips, check out Environment Canada's website at weather.gc.ca/Canada

Snowmachine safety

It's been a terrific winter for snow sports. The cold temperatures have frozen area waterways earlier than usual, and the copious snowfall has snowmobilers happy. Here are a few tips to make your snowmachine experience a happy one.

First of all, be prepared for an emergency. Make sure your snowmobile is gassed and in good working order. Check the lights, belts and track to make sure that your machine is fully operational. Carry an emergency kit that contains a first aid kit, maps, emergency water and rations, and keep your cell phone charged. Have your trail permit attached to your sled.

If you plan on sledding on frozen waterways, make sure your suit is buoyant. Cold water can kill in minutes, and a buoyant snowmobile suit can keep you afloat long enough for help to reach you. Wear ice picks in case you fall through the ice. Sledding with others will give you instant help should the need arise. Plan your route ahead of time, and tell someone you're going out, and when you expect to return.

Obey the rules of OFSC trails, especially speed limits. Today's sleds can be incredibly fast, and riders can easily outride their headlights at night. Obstacles can be hard to see, especially on lakes, where drifts and pressure ridges can cause a crash.

Exercise caution, and drive within your abilities. Never drink and drive.

Always carry your licence and other documents with you, and surrender them to police upon demand. It's the law. Safe sledding!

Unsolved Crime: Robbery in Angus

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka along with Nottawasaga OPP are requesting the assistance of the public in solving this crime.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., two male suspects entered the Rainbow Mall Pharmasave Pharmacy located at 1 Massey Street in Angus. One of the suspects locked the front doors, while the second suspect walked back to the drug dispensing area and demanded drugs.

Upon leaving the drug dispensing area, the male suspect sprayed an unknown irritant, believed to be bear spray over the counter area toward the employees.

Suspects described as:

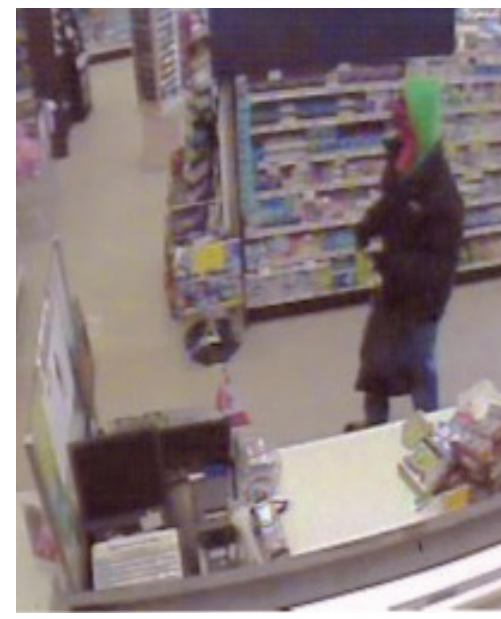
1. Male white wearing a bright green hooded sweatshirt and a red/orange ball cap jeans and a dark jacket with a logo on the front left chest area.
2. Male, white wearing baggy jeans and a dark colored hooded jacket.

Security video from a neighbouring retail store revealed a beige older model (1999-2003) Chevrolet Malibu. Police are attempting to locate the vehicle.

A large quantity of various strengths of Oxy-Neo, Oxy-IR, PMS Oxycodone and Hydromorphs were stolen.

Police are requesting anyone with information about this crime to call Detective Dale Smith at Nottawasaga OPP 705 434-1939 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or go to www.crimestoppersdm.com

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B&E and ATV theft

On February 19th Dufferin OPP attended the scene of a daytime break and enter on 10th Line in Township of Amaranth. Investigation revealed that unknown suspect(s) attended the garage at the residence between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Once inside thieves stole a 2010 Polaris ATV Orange in colour with Ontario License plate 39TZ1. The ATV was equipped with a 5 foot wide black polaris snowplow. Also stolen were two chainsaws orange in colour with first being a Stihl brand chainsaw and second being a Husqvarna brand chainsaw. The vehicle leaving the scene was described as a grey Dodge Pickup clean condition with tinted windows.

Threats over child support

On Thursday February 20th the Shelburne Police received a report of threatening conduct in regards to a child custody dispute. The dispute resulted in numerous serious threats being communicated by the accused. As a result of the investigation a 23 year old adult man from Brampton was arrested on Friday February 21st. The accused was charged with two counts of uttering death threats, one count of threatening conduct and two counts of breaching his probation. The accused was held for a bail hearing. The name of the accused is being withheld.

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Fabrics are our passion! And we love the new modern trendy ones just as much of the romantic toiles! We love getting the superheroes, Family Guy, Archie & Veronica, themed fabrics for cat & dog lovers, owl fanatics,

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Charity ski/board day this March Break

The otherwise private hills of The Heights of Horseshoe welcome all skiers and boarders on Saturday, March 8th for March Melt-down - the 7th Annual Subaru Ski 'n' Board Day. Presented once again by Davenport Subaru of Orillia, the family-oriented event will feature activities in the chalet and out on the hills. All proceeds will go to United Way Greater Simcoe County (UWGSC).

"We've been behind this event since it started seven years ago - it's a terrific opportunity to enjoy winter with our families and to build our community by supporting a local charity that re-invests its revenue locally," says Mike Davenport, owner of Davenport Subaru of Orillia. "It's also a chance to ski at a great venue that is normally available only to club members."

The event, running from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, will feature free beginner ski lessons for those aged six and older, races and games, door prizes, a silent auction and vendor fair. Ski and board rentals are available onsite. Helmets, which are optional but recommended, are not available for rent, so participants are encouraged to bring their own.

Advance tickets are \$25 each (not including rentals) and are available online at Ticket-Break.com or in person at Davenport Subaru of Orillia (385 West St. S., Orillia), UWGSC (County Administrative Building, Midhurst) and at The Heights of Horseshoe in Horseshoe Valley. Tickets are also available at the door on event day for \$30 each. Non-skiers and non-boarders are welcome to drop by at no cost to check out the vendor fair or to accompany participants.

Information and links to online ticket sales can be found at UnitedWayGSC.ca

Shelburne Midgets win over Midland in playoffs



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Midget LL1 team host Midland at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne during weekend playoff action. The Wolves came out on top in this game with a 7-3 win over the visitors.



BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Midgets won their third game of the round-robin format minor hockey playoffs over Midland leaving the ice with a 7-3 win on Saturday, February 21.

The Wolves led the game from the start and continued to keep up the pressure for the duration.

"We picked up that game so now we're 1-2 for the playoffs," said coach Dan Best. "With a little bit of luck and some good bounces, we should have a strong showing the rest of the way."

Wolves goals came from Dylan Dever, Jus-



tin Bennett, Spencer Martin for two, Brandon Long, and Brad Earle.

In net, goalie Caleb Best played a solid game shutting down the Midland offence with a series of good saves.

Going forward, the squad will have to keep it together as they play four games in one week - a schedule Best said will test the squad.

"The boys really responded well today so things really seem to be working," Best said of the team's performance in Saturday's game. "We've made some minor adjustments for the next few games because we've got four games in the next week. It's going to be a tough schedule with games on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday."

The squad has struggled with injuries this season, but have still come through as a team, Best said.

"I think it's the camaraderie with the boys has a lot to do with it. They have fun. Our defence-man can play solid. We had a couple of breakdowns today, but when they're playing as a unit they're pretty solid."

The team will travel to Essa twice this week, then up to Collingwood for road games. The Midgets will return to home ice at CDRC on Saturday, March 2, to host Essa.

The puck is scheduled to drop at 3 p.m.

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"I just like the sport - it's really fun to play," Says Shelburne Wolves Midget forward Justin Bennett of why he plays hockey. The grade ten Centre Dufferin District High School student has been on the ice for the past eight years beginning his hockey career at the Tyke level. Justin was recommended for Athlete of the Week by his coach Dan Best who said Justin has had an "all around good season." That included a goal and an assist in their recent play-

off game against Midland. In addition to playing for the Wolves, he plays on the CDDHS junior hockey team. "It seems pretty tough and fast moving, the way it should be played," Justin says of playing high school hockey. When the ice melts, Justin can be found on the baseball diamond playing for Mansfield in the South Simcoe Minor Baseball League. The Midget LL1 team is currently ending the season in the round-robin playoffs.

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The coffee controversy continues



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Hava java?

BY ALEX SHER

For years health officials have reported the coffee culprit contributing to stress, raising blood pressure, even resulting in premature death for those who consume up to 6 cups or more.

Recently, Dr. Rob Van Dam, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition from the Harvard School of Public Health revealed findings that didn't link coffee to premature death. In a study that consisted of 130,000 healthy men and women in their 40's and 50's which followed the group over the course of their lives, the consumption of coffee neither affected their lives positively or negatively.

So what does all this mean? Good news for coffee lovers. The Journal of Pain reported two cups of coffee could cut post-workout pain by up to 48%. The Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry report one cup of brewed coffee contributes 1.8 grams of fibre towards the recommended daily amount of 20-30 grams. The Archives of Internal Medicine suggest drinking 6 or more cups of coffee a day can reduce the risk of type II diabetes and in a ten year study of 86,000 nurses, a reduced risk of suicide was found in those who consumed coffee. The European Journal of Neurology report coffee may lower the risk of developing Alzheimer's.

According to Women's Day Magazine, coffee may reduce risk of depression, increase fertility

in men, help maintain a healthy weight, promote cardiovascular health, may help ward off skin cancer, and is actually not truly addictive.

According to the Caffeine Informer, the wonderful benefits of drinking coffee could be attributed to the coffee bean itself which is well known for its high amounts of antioxidants, so much so that one cup of coffee has more anti-oxidants than those found in grape juice, blueberries, raspberries, and oranges.

One health tip that comes up quite often involves home coffee brewers and cleanliness. Apparently coffee brewers and pots are germ and bacteria magnets and vigilant cleaning is imperative to avoid illness.

As for most Canadians who can't imagine life without Tim Horton's coffee, rest assured, there is no evidence rumored nicotine is an ingredient.

While the coffee debate continues, the use of sugars and creams is an aspect of coffee consumption not included in the benefits of contributing to one's health in a positive way.

As reports about coffee consumption seem to contradict each year, the age old expression most people remember parents and grandparents recommended about most things in life echoes into the future for modern day society to follow, "All good things in moderation," is always good advice to adhere to. Of course, they may have been full of beans!

Shelburne facing DC challenges, delays passing updated bylaw pending changes

BY WES KELLER

Following a public meeting that was attended by only a handful of residents Monday, Shelburne council delayed adoption of its new Development Charges bylaw pending amendments by its consultants, Watson & Associates.

DCs, which came into vogue in the late 1980s, are intended to balance the burden of new capital costs between existing and new residents and/or non-residential, based on estimates of who derives benefits or for whom the capital investments are needed.

The council, along with some existing residents and at least one developer, is in disagreement with the consultant, and Mayor Ed Crewson is especially perturbed that the consultant initially provided an 8-page summary of proposals but withheld the 140-page background study on which the summary was based.

As presented, the bylaw would reduce the residential DC by more than a third (to \$13,997 from \$20,245), but would almost double the industrial/commercial/institutional (ICI), to \$4.08 a square foot from \$2.29.

In an interview Tuesday, Mayor Crewson said the change would not be to the total of DCs collected, but to the apportionment. He said existing DC apportionment is based on 18% ICI and 82% residential. The new one would be based on 32% ICI and 68% residential.

He said the apportionment is based on the town's growth area, in which 32% would be commercial or industrial. But it comes at a time when Orangeville has waived DCs for ICI development, and when Shelburne's greater need is for employment growth.

As well, neighbouring Grey County imposes no non-residential DCs. There, the somewhat isolated town of Hanover is literally bustling with what appears to be industrial development. Deputy Chief Building Official Brenda Goetz said in a phone interview that the town collects the county's DC but has opted not to impose any charges of its own.

Shelburne could also waive DCs for employment development, but doing so would place an unfair capital-cost burden on existing residential property owners.

The town, says the mayor, has its needed sewage capacity and metering in place. But it is going to need a 2-storey addition to the fire hall to accommodate an added pumper and

more personnel. "I don't believe the townships would share the costs (since Shelburne has the growth and the need)," he said.

In Shelburne, Joe Bojin is in the process of developing an industrial park on 30 Sideroad. He has built the Phase 1 portion of 10,000 square feet and is planning a 30,000 square foot second phase.

"It's gonna cost me \$100,000 more for the next phase," he said in an interview. But he's planning to proceed next year anyway.

Still, he said, "Industry doesn't use as much (of the town's services) as residential." He said it doesn't produce as much sewage, doesn't use the schools, but it provides employment and the employees support the commercial.

He said he has an agreement with the town that was based on the existing DCs. He intends to argue that the town should either honour its original DC for his development, or waive it entirely.

Shelburne Market Village is also set for development, but has been appealed by Loblaw to the Ontario Municipal Board.

CAO John Telfer said he had alerted the developer to the change but it is unfazed by the commercial DC hike, saying its part of the cost of doing business.

A telephone call to Peter Staff at developer Blackwood Partners had not been returned at press time.

The consultant's DC report forces town council solidly onto the horns of a dilemma.

The DC bylaw must be passed no later than March 16. The bylaw must be accompanied by a study justifying it.

The council's choice is either to pass a bylaw with which it does not entirely agree, or to not pass a bylaw – in which case it would be unable to collect DCs.

The mayor said the choice of Watson as a consultant was based largely on the fact that it had been the consultant ever since the introduction of DCs.

Now, given the time factor, it would be impossible to contract a new consultant to prepare a new study prior to the deadline for bylaw approval.

Mr. Telfer said there'll be some changes presented to the council on Monday, March 3, and there will be a further meeting on the 10th. If there are major changes, there would be a further public meeting.

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Entrepreneurial spirit is strong in Shelburne



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Entrepreneur Greg Landriault, the owner of Dufferin Outdoor Maintenance bring eagerness, professionalism and experience to the communities of Shelburne, Orangeville, Alliston and outlying areas.

BY ALEX SHER

Gregg Landriault is the culmination of entrepreneurial spirit, drive, determination, and is the owner of Dufferin Outdoor Maintenance, a new company serving the communities of Shelburne, Orangeville, Alliston and the surrounding area.

Bringing a unique skill set to the new service offered by Dufferin Outdoor Maintenance, Landriault is presently offering snow removal, but come summer will offer even more.

"I'm in my first year of business and I'm trying to bring new light to outdoor maintenance and help the community," commented Landriault, with twenty years of experience to offer.

Landriault's 24 hour a day service offers a special fees for seniors, 24 hour emergency hour response, and a special incentive package for realtors in need of accommodating a client's needs.

"I've been trying to get out of Toronto for

several years. I've lived in the Orangeville, Shelburne area for 15 years. Starting a new business is exactly like taking a leap of faith," commented Landriault confident in his ability to provide a great new service.

Believing there is enough business for already established companies and his new company, Landriault hopes to make his mark in an environment of healthy competition.

"Initially when I started this winter, business was booming and then the storms hit and I logged over 30 hours during those few days," Landriault recalled realizing,

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For more information, contact Greg Landriault, owner of Dufferin Outdoor Maintenance at 519 939-2337, e-mail dufferinoutdoormaintenance@gmail.com or visit the website at <http://www.dufferinoutdoormaintenance.com>

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Christian Perspectives

I have a couple of friends who tend to send me pass-on emails with Christian content. Some items are truly helpful but I am frustrated by some that mainly come out of the U.S.A. which can be at best misinformed and at worst, down right nasty. They sound just about anything but "Christian." Many are anti-Muslim as if some how being anti-anything makes you more Christian. Some are highly critical of President Obama. They aren't critical of his political policies but characterize him as anti-Christian. Obama, a professing Christian, is at least as respectful of others as most politicians, maybe more so. His program to bring government health care to all Americans, in other places in the world would be viewed as an obvious "love your neighbour" move but according to the initiators of these so called Christian values emails, it is plot against the values of the country. The emails express a sense of being persecuted, whether it is truly warranted or not. Those emails are only a symptom of the root cause.

The problem is change. Our western countries are much more diverse than they were even fifty years ago. We live in a pluralistic society. Current immigrant populations, just as early settlers of the 1700's to 1900's have brought their traditions of faith and spiritual development with them. Descendants of Anglo and Francophone Canadians are no longer living in the time when most people around them believed and worshiped as they did. People are having trouble getting used to the new diversity. There is uneasiness that as Christians, we may not be so sure of what we believe while

some of the new people around us appear to be more devout and more sure of their beliefs as they work towards having their traditions recognized by the society.

Jesus was born into just such a pluralistic society. The golden age of the country inherited by the people descended from the twelve sons of Jacob, known as Israel was long past. International trade, the importing of slaves, the intermixing with Babylonians during the time of exile and with neighbouring tribes all contributed to diversity in the population of the country. Most recently, the Greeks and then the Romans had invaded and brought their government and culture in as well. The society was highly diverse for that time. There was anxiety around the sudden appearance of a new faith system - Christianity. We know that Paul and the other apostles often met opposition when they moved into a city with the "Good News" of Jesus. Not all the locals saw it as good news. Christians had to be brave.

In our time we have seen great change. What began as tolerance of a variety of faiths has morphed into a rejection of faith. We saw it first in the political system of communism. Here in the west, under the banner of promoting freedom, we are finding that faith is being excluded from our value systems as it loses representation in our schools, government and other institutions. This is what is prompting the hate emails although I don't think that is the way to stand up for Christianity. The huge emphasis placed on our free market economy has meant an erosion of legislation around Sunday as a day of rest. Bombarded with advertising and faced with

commitments to hockey, soccer and other children's activities, families increasingly make the choice to shop or participate in sports activities on Sundays. Many individuals have to be at work rather than in places of worship. This is one "arena" (if you will pardon the use of the word) where Christians today have to be brave. Our society is no longer co-operating to make it easy for people to practise their faith. It is working against us. It takes bravery to say, "Without causing hardship to others, I would prefer to work on Sunday as seldom as possible," or "Yes, we would love to come to visit, we'll be there after church." It takes bravery to hold a children's sleepover Friday night to Saturday, when you may be more tired and have less time to prepare rather than Saturday to Sunday. It takes bravery to have the children picked up Sunday before church or ask that they may accompany your family to church. The people to whom you are speaking may have no idea why this could be important to you. But don't underestimate that your example can be a powerful witness of your faith to others even when you never talk about God.

The first disciples Jesus called learned to become brave in the face of persecution for their faith. We, too have to become bold in acknowledging our faith and making it clear to others that it is important to us. Being brave does not include disrespecting others through email and other media. Christians are to stand up for Jesus, not stand against other human beings.

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Crossroads Community Church

Another challenging week has gone by but we came to praise and worship the God who sustains us. Worship was exuberant and uplifting; Bob offered a prayer of gratitude and offered the service to God. Pastor Don shared announcements and prayer reports: we thank God for the dedicated staff at our Homes for the Aged, who despite difficulties coming in to work because of inclement weather, have persevered, they are an answer to prayer as they kindly care for sweet elders who are very grateful for their love and dedication. We also praise God for touching people's generous hearts towards the Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank as winter months are the most difficult for many. Bob eloquently delivered a thought provoking message.

"There are three questions I want to cover this morning, "How do we get God's attention", "How does God get our attention", and "Do we want God's attention?" Here is a very good example of someone who really went for it to get God's attention, in Mark 2:1-12. This paralysed man was pretty desperate to get to Jesus, probably convinced his friends to bud in line, crash through the roof to make his grand entrance all to get Jesus to pay attention to him. Did Jesus take notice? You bet he did and He healed him, forgave his sins then told him to get up and walk just to quiet down the skeptics. If we needed to get God's attention would we be as bold or take such drastic measures?

Another example of bold faith is found in Mark 5:24-34; Here we have a woman, advanced in age with a twelve year unresolved and unexplained bleeding issue despite the best efforts of well-meaning doctors that money could provide. She must have been desperate for a solution and when she heard that Jesus was in proximity she pushed through the crowd despite all the down lookers, she had the bold faith to take action, she thought, "If only I could touch the corner of His robe I would be healed." So that is what she did, and her faith was so strong and genuine that it moved Jesus; He felt power leave Him amidst the crowd. When He finally encountered this woman, he confirmed with her that her faith had healed her. When we are that desperate, are we as bold and strong in our faith to reach out to God for His attention?

To get God's attention we can choose different methods, we can pray continuously,

worship Him amidst our circumstances, consult Him daily by reading His word or we can combine prayer with fasting. Some choose to pray and fast, and in many cases this moves the heart of God if it is genuine, not to be used as a bargaining tactic so God can fulfill our selfish desires. True fasting is explained in Isaiah 58:1-14. What God desires from us is not a set of empty rituals void of any love or concern for people. He wants us to serve Him by serving those in need, which is an assured way of getting His attention. It may not always be easy or convenient, but when it is out of our love for Him that we love and help others that is something God simply cannot ignore.

Now if it is possible for us to get God's attention, He also has ways to get our attention, example the Apostle Paul a.k.a. Saul in Acts 9:1-31; God dramatically got his attention, He blinded Paul when He appeared to him on the road to Damascus. In the process God transformed Saul to become Paul; calling him to preach the Gospel all over the known world. For such a huge mission God had to shake things up for sure but other times as in the case of Samuel it was a whisper in the night, (1 Samuel 3:1-21). God had chosen Samuel to be a prophet so He called on him at a very young age and He used a tender voice to get his attention.

So He can get our attention, but do we want His? In the case of King David he had many trials and defeats but the greatest was the one stated in 2 Samuel 12:12-25. David had sinned

and he probably didn't want God's attention but God sent Nathan to correct David. David felt convicted and God spared his life although David's actions had severe consequences on his family. When God told David that the son conceived in sin would not live, David bore his heart before God, he fasted, he prayed hoping God might spare his child, and even if God did not fulfill David's petition, David still praised and worshipped God.

Beloved, God has the power to get our attention by either blinding us or a simple whisper, He can speak through visions and dreams, through scriptures during our Bible reading, and many times He speaks through fellow believers or other times through our circumstances and sufferings. Why would such a perfect and majestic God want to get our attention? Sometimes it is to correct or convict us of wrong, other times to guide us and more often than we can count He wants to help us in our time of need; above all He wants a relationship with us. He loves us and wants the best for us even if sometimes we don't like the way things seem. When we trust Him, when we give Him the attention He loves and we joyfully receive His, we will never be afraid of Him speaking to us, we will welcome His attention, He is our heavenly Father who through all our life's journey is there to sustain us with Grace, Mercy and Love, have a Blessed week with Him, Asherey Shalom!

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Circle Theatre supports SMHF this March

Circle Theatre will be giving back to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation with several fundraisers in the month of March. Throughout the month of March, Circle Theatre is asking their customers to participate with the Theatre to help raise funds for the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. The guests of the Circle will be able to put their name on a bear to show support for the Foundation with a donation of \$2 or \$5. On March the 7th at 11 a.m., the theatre will be showing Wreck It Ralph, with admission by donation to the Foundation. The fundraising continues during the week of March Break when The Circle Theatre will be hosting the first Annual Kids' Academy Awards. Each day of the March Break, the theatre will be showing the following films at 10:30 a.m., with admission by donation to the Foundation: The Croods (Monday), Epic (Tuesday), Escape from Planet Earth (Wednesday) Monster's University (Thursday) and Despicable Me 2 (Friday). The Foundation would like to thank Kate and Christine Vander Zaag for their fundraising efforts.

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