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CHD AWARENESS MONTH: The Town of Shelburne has once again proclaimed February as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Month. Above, Mayor Ken Bennington poses for a photo alongside two very special guests to Council on Monday (Feb. 12), nine-year-old Tyson Kottelenberg (right) and three-year-old Penny Clarkon (middle). The two children were each born with heart defects and were presented with copies of the proclamation and lapel pins honouring the announcement.

Jones calls for advanced green at Shelburne intersection

Written By **MIKE PICKFORD**

Almost a month on from Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne's cabinet reshuffle, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is keen to ensure that the new Transportation minister doesn't forget about key projects and initiatives in the Headwaters region.

Late last week, Ms. Jones reached out to Kathryn McGarry, urging the MPP for Cambridge to address numerous issues left unaddressed by her predecessor, new economic development and growth minister Steven Del Duca.

"Minister McGarry has an opportunity to address key transportation issues impacting residents in Dufferin-Caledon," Ms. Jones said. "As the new minister, I encouraged her to do what her predecessor failed to do: fulfill the broken promise for all-day, two-way GO trains, make desperately needed safety improvements to Highway 10, and immediately install an advanced green in Shelburne at the intersection of Highway 89 and County Road 124."

Ms. Jones noted that she has heard from several local residents disappointed in the lack of movement on proposed improvements to GO Train service between Toronto and Kitchener. The Liberal government promised in 2014 that it would have an all-day, two-way service up and running by 2019. Recent reports from Queen's Park suggest that service won't be in place until 2024.

The deteriorating quality of Highway 10, particularly between Camilla and Primrose, has been an ongoing issue for much of Ms. Jones' decade as our MPP. She once again highlighted the need for investment on that stretch of road, indicating residents had expressed "real concern" regarding the safety of the highway.

In Shelburne, Mayor Ken Bennington and

much of Council have spent the best part of 12 months lobbying for an advanced green light at the busy intersection of Highway 89 and County Road 124. Additionally, recently released County of Dufferin traffic data shows a need for an advanced green light at the intersection, says Ms. Jones.

"The Ministry is dragging its feet on installing an advanced green in Shelburne, despite the County of Dufferin having traffic data that shows a need for an advanced green," Ms. Jones said. "The Minister has committed to more study, but Shelburne residents don't need more study, they need to have the infrastructure that ensures their roadways are safe to travel."

She added, "A new minister means a chance for a new course. It is never too late to do the right thing. I encourage the new minister to make these important investments."

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OPP determines it can police Shelburne from Primrose detachment

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne has once again proclaimed February as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Month. Mayor Ken Bennington read out the proclamation Monday night, as the councillors and guests looked on, following which he presented copies of the Proclamation, and lapel pins, to two very special guests, Tyson Kottelenberg age 9 and Penny Clarkson, age 3.

The two were each born with heart defects and have survived many surgeries, to have been there on Monday night. The pair are as normal and active as any children their age, thanks to modern medicine, the many doctors and staff at The Hospital for Sick Children, better known as Sick Kids Hospital, in Toronto and the love and support of their parents and families. If not

for awareness programs, such as the one supported by the evening's Proclamation, this outcome could have been dramatically different. Parents, Michelle and Brian Kottelenberg and Amanda Clarkson are behind promoting the awareness initiative and take every opportunity to promote awareness of this life threatening problem.

Sewage capacity allocation

Following the presentation, it was down to the business at hand for Council members and there was lots of it to deal with, in the 150 odd page agenda. First up was a report, from the engineering firm of S. Burnett and Associates, concerning the Sewage Capacity Allocation Year End for 2017.

The Town's water treatment plant has a daily flow rated capacity of 3,420 cubic meters per day and a peak rated capacity

of 8,921 cubic meters per day. The report showed that despite 2017 being an unusually wet year in terms of rainfall, the flow rates, although elevated, were still inline with those of 2013-14 and considerably lower than 2007 to 2011. This was attributed to the work, commissioned by Council, to improve infrastructure and reduce sewage system infiltration as well as the water metering program.

Overall, the system is performing above expectations and well below capacity. The five year average daily sewage flow for 2017, came in at 2,265 (m³/d) and Council heard that after all scheduled and anticipated allocations, plus reserves were accounted for, the plant still has excess capacity. This was good news for the fastest growing community in Ontario and an acknowledgement of the good stewardship being shown by this Council.

Greenbelt expansion

Town planner Steve Wever presented a number of issues to Council in regards to existing and proposed developments in Town, while also touching on the new Provincial Greenbelt Expansion Study Area Proposal.

Under this proposed expansion, several areas in Dufferin County would be added to the Greenbelt and thus prohibited from urban development. Some of these lands, make up the western boundary of Shelburne, which although being used for farming, at present, is part of the Official Plan for Shelburne and is slated for eventual urban development. Steve presented Council with a proposal package, from the County, which will be presented to the Minister, contesting some of the proposed inclusions in Dufferin.

The idea, is for municipalities within Dufferin to join with the County, to present a united front concerning this proposed expansion. In the case of Shelburne, a prohibition from developing the lands in question, would severely limit the Town's ability to expand to support our projected growth in population. Council voted to approve the approach.

OPP costing update

Shelburne had it's first official meeting, with the OPP concerning their costing, for policing services on Jan. 30, 2018 and by all accounts it was very productive and informative.

The OPP, represented by Superintendent Marc Bedard, Inspectors Bert McDonald and Steve Rideout, Staff Sergeant Nicol Randall, Sergeants Josee Sabourin and Kulvir Deol along with Contract Analyst Linda Davis, met with Acting CAO Carol Sweeney, Treasurer Carey Holmes, Project Co-ordinator Patti Hossie, Police Chief Kent Moore and Clerk Jennifer Willoughby, to discuss

the costing.

It was stated by the OPP, that they would not require a new building, but would be able to accommodate policing Shelburne, fro the current Primrose Detachment. Superintendent Bedard announced that the costing would be completed as quickly as possible and that the OPP will not be comparing policing services, but approaching the matter from a 'this is what we can offer' point of view.

Several points of discussion were raised during the meeting. Chief Moore asked about the anticipated growth in Town, to which the OPP indicated that the costing would be predicated on the existing workload. In regards a building, the OPP reiterated that the Dufferin facility, (Primrose Detachment) was sufficient to allow all officers from Shelburne to integrate. Council could request a store front office, which would not be considered an enhancement (extra) by the OPP and would not come at a cost, however, the operational costs of that office would be solely the responsibility of the Town. This would not be used as an operational police facility.

Chief Moore also asked if there would be a certain number of officers assigned to the town. The response was that this is determined by the municipality and the area and would be part of the operational side, deciding if Shelburne warranted a separate zone and how many officers would be required. It was noted that Midland, which became an OPP policed community in January, was assigned as a zone and that a certain number of officers would be assigned.

Superintendent Bedard noted that this was one of the best initial meetings OPP officials had attended and acting CAO Sweeney indicated that the Shelburne Police and Senior Staff would like to set an example of how a costing process should be carried out.

Heritage Festival Parade is a go!

In other business, Coun. Dan Samples announced that after a productive meeting of the Kinsman Club and numerous new volunteers, it was decided that the club would organize the Heritage festival Parade for 2018, after all. This came as a great relief to Council and Festival organizers and assured a vibrant festival kick off! It was also noted that this coming Monday, Family Day, February 19th, will see the annual ShelburneFest arrive at Fiddle Park and this year a Polar Plunge, in support of the Special Olympics, is part of the fun. So far, the Mayor, all but two councillors and both Chiefs are pledged to "take the plunge" at 1:30 on Monday. The Mayor indicated that to date, he has raised over \$2,000 in pledges, to support the cause. The weather is projected to be good and the day should be a great family outing. We'll see you there!

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County Council's 2017 salaries disclosed

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Dufferin County's politicians were paid \$286,438 in 2017, according to a staff report released last week.

For the average homeowner in the county with a property valued at \$400,000, that equals about \$12.66, or less than one per cent of the \$1,583 county portion tax, to pay for the county's elected officials.

The remuneration for county councillors is up slightly from 2016's total of \$280,013.

Melanchthon Mayor Darren White, who served as the county's 2017 warden, was the highest paid county politician, receiving a total of \$50,385, including \$6,986 in reimbursement for mileage and expenses.

The second highest paid councillor was Mulmur Mayor, and current warden, Paul Mills, at \$24,459. Mayor Mills received an extra \$1,000 as chair of Public Works Committee, and \$2,849 for expenses and mileage.

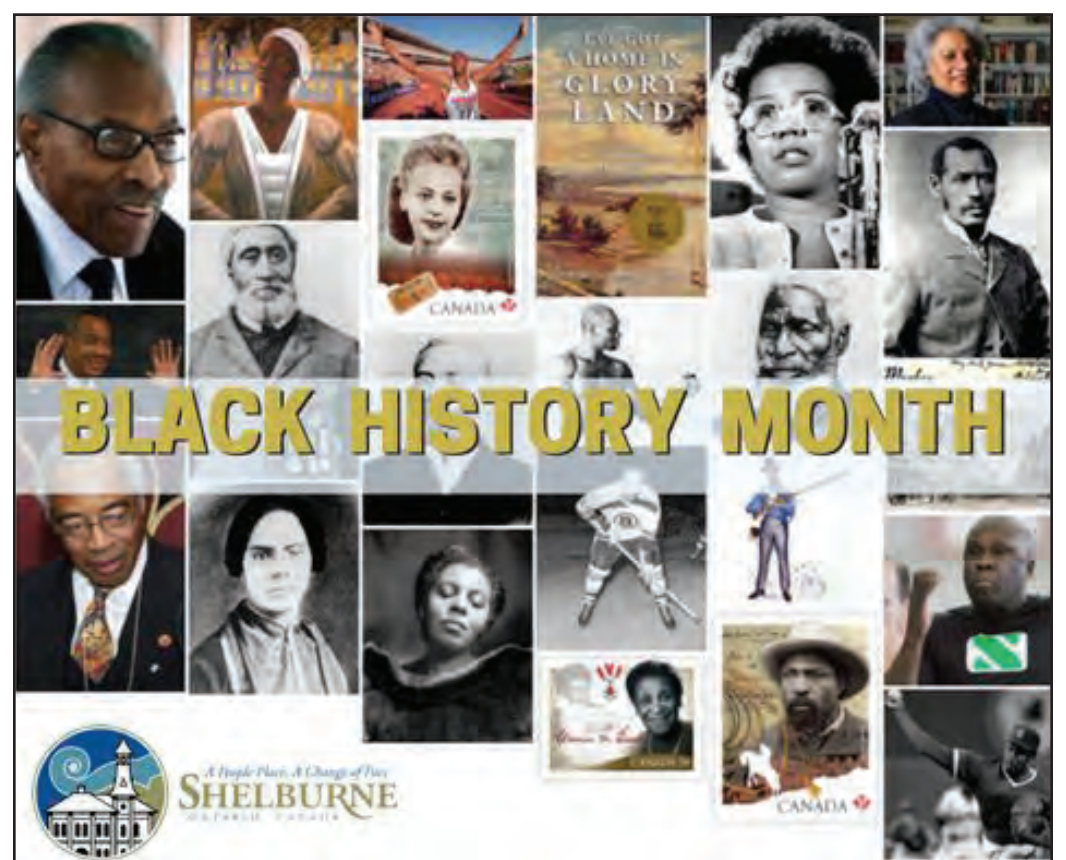
Mono Mayor Laura Ryan received \$22,046, along with \$1,000 as chair of the of the county's community services committee. Mayor

Ryan was also reimbursed \$2,625 for mileage and expenses.

The remaining members of county council were paid as follows, from most to least: Orangeville Mayor Jeremy Williams (\$20,441), Amaranth Mayor Don MacIver (\$20,029), Mulmur representative Earl Hawkins (\$19,771), Mono Deputy Mayor and General Government Services Committee chair Ken McGhee (\$19,671), Amaranth Deputy Mayor Jane Aultman (\$18,991), Grand Valley Mayor Steve Soloman (\$18,334), Shelburne Deputy Mayor Geoff Dunlop (\$18,217), East Garafraxa Mayor Guy Gardhouse (\$18,202), Shelburne Mayor Ken Bennington (\$17,967) and Orangeville Deputy Mayor Warren Maycock (\$17,919).

The councillors reimbursed the most for mileage and expenses were Mayor White (\$6,986), Mayor Mills (\$2,849), Mayor Ryan (\$2,625), and Mayor Williams (\$2,522).

Per county policy, one-third of each politician's salary is tax-free. As part of their salaries, they are awarded an annual Internet allowance of \$900.



Orangeville mayor sees benefits in merging local police services

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

Although Orangeville Council voted Monday against a proposal that could potentially lead to regionalization of local fire, police and library services, Mayor Jeremy Williams says he plans to meet with Shelburne Mayor Ken Bennington “in the coming days” to discuss the possibility of amalgamating the Orangeville and Shelburne police services.

Debate swirled around Orangeville Council chambers on Monday evening (Feb. 12) after Councillor Nick Garisto indicated he would like to see the Orangeville Police Service, Orangeville Fire Department and Orangeville Public Library adopt a more regional approach to their services.

Most municipalities in Dufferin County currently rely on the OPP for policing, other than Orangeville and Shelburne. It was well documented last year that some members of Orangeville Council, and indeed the greater community, felt it would be beneficial for the town to enter into an agreement with the OPP to bring policing costs down.

Here in Shelburne, an OPP costing proposal is already under way. The major concern in that community is that if it decides to continue with its own policing model, the town will have to fund a new, approximate-

ly \$6 million facility because the cells at the town hall do not meet provincial standards. This is where Mayor Williams sees a partnership with Shelburne could be beneficial for both parties.

“I made it clear at the beginning of my term that greater cooperation with our County neighbours is long overdue. We need to pool resources where it makes sense and work toward common goals,” Mayor Williams said. “Orangeville Police Service is already in a position to work with other municipalities to provide various policing services. We have capacity at our building to provide the cells Shelburne needs.”

He added, “That would be a huge saving to them as they wouldn’t need a new police building. For us, it means generating additional revenues by using the extra capacity of our own existing infrastructure.”

While Mayor Williams was clearly optimistic, the rest of Council were not, indicating it was a little late in the current term to consider the option. While he won’t be acting on behalf of Council, or even in his duties as mayor, Mr. Williams feels he would be remiss if he didn’t at least explore the potential possibilities of such an agreement with Shelburne.

“At this point, working with Shelburne

makes sense. They are searching for a solution that we may have for them. Ken and I have spoken about many issues in the past and I want to make sure we both work collaboratively towards the same goal,” Mayor Williams said. “I don’t expect this process will be without its detractors, or be an entirely easy path, but it is a path that must be explored.”

The mayor noted it would come down to the police service boards in Orangeville and Shelburne working together towards this goal in an attempt to ensure the final outcome is beneficial to residents of both communities. While Council seemed against

the idea Monday, the mayor hopes they will change their minds should an attractive proposal come about. It is currently unclear what thoughts Shelburne Council has on the proposal.

“I would expect the councils of our two towns would endorse any proposal that benefits our residents. To not do so would be folly,” Mayor Williams said. “I envision that we will eventually move towards a county police service and I see this as that first brave step.

It may come soon, or may take several years, but come it will. Together, let’s make this a reality,” Mayor Williams concluded.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

OPEN HOUSE: Members of the public take a look at information that was provided by the Government of Ontario about the proposed increase in area of the current Ontario greenbelt. The public meeting was one of several that have been planned around the region to get input regarding the new proposal.

Provincial open house on Greenbelt expansion garners mixed reaction from the public

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

In a series of public information sessions the Government of Ontario is reaching out to people in the ‘outer ring’ area of the Provincial Greenbelt area to garner input on a proposed increase in the size of the current Greenbelt area.

The plan got a mixed reaction at the public session held at Tony Rose arena in Orangeville last Thursday, February 8.

The current Greenbelt was created in 2005 and covers an area from the Niagara Peninsula wrapping north of Toronto to Lake Simcoe and east to north of the Cobourg area.

Orangeville is located within the protected Greenbelt area on the northwest end of the current zone.

The Greenbelt was created to protect farmland and environmentally sensitive areas including forests, wetlands and watersheds.

“This is a provincial initiative. The government is consulting a study area for potential Greenbelt expansion,” explained Anna MacDonald, a manager with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. “The government is interested in getting feedback from members of the public about the potential expansion. The study area has been comprised from looking at concentrations of water features, specifically moraines, wetlands, and cold water streams and their catchment areas.”

The study is based on data regarding watersheds, agricultural areas and population data. The original Greenbelt plan was designed to protect certain areas including farm land from urban growth and to protect water resources.

The current area being looked at for potential Greenbelt expansion includes seven geographic regions, including the area known as the Orangeville Moraine.

While many people view the plan as environmentally sound, others think the re-

striction on development will hinder future improvements through lack of municipal funding by taxation or a reduction in current land values.

“It’s going to stop development in the rural areas. It says right on their chart that they expect development to go to settlements that already exist,” said Mulmur farmer Morley Brown. “Municipalities like Mulmur Township – where are we going to get a tax base? We’ve been told there will be no more development around Mansfield. According to this plan it will stop development.”

Orangeville resident Barry Brand echoed the sentiment that a tax base will be limited and current land holdings will be reduced in value.

“Generally, if you own land that is agricultural, environmentally protected or you have a managed forest you pay less in taxes to the municipality, so the tax base goes down. How will they be compensated?” Mr. Brand said.

“Look at the Peel area,” he added. “When the province first turned that area into the Greenbelt, some farmers saw their property values go from \$15 million through potential development to strictly being a farm. Think how that affected someone who’s worked that land for their entire life.

“I understand why they’re doing it – they’re protecting it for environmental reasons, but the people that got trapped in that are being forced to subsidize a provincial parkland. What’s got people in this area upset is that as it is expanded into the northern municipalities are those people going to be held hostage (though rising taxes) because the township still needs the money?”

Several more information sessions are planned by the provincial government over the next few weeks at municipalities around the region including Alliston, Bradford, and Kitchener.

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Ottawa Journal: Reintegration of ISIS fighters a breach of our national security

Written By DAVID TILSON

It goes without saying that the safety and security of Canadians should be a top priority for our Prime Minister. However, the actions of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau leave many Canadians questioning whether this is, in fact, a priority for him and his Liberal government when he fails to ensure ISIS fighters returning to Canada face justice for their participation in horrific acts abroad and instead, plans to reintegrate them with welcome arms.

Recently, individuals who left Canada to fight for ISIS have started returning from abroad. The horrible crimes of ISIS are well-known. During their reign of terror, they sold women and girls into slavery, and threw gay people off of buildings. The return of these individuals is concerning and undoubtedly poses a huge security risk to Canadians.

In addition, on December 04, Prime Minister Trudeau and his Liberal government voted against the following Motion in Parliament:

That the House: a) condemn the horrific acts committed by ISIS; b) acknowledge that individuals who joined ISIS fighters are complicit in these horrific acts and pose a danger to Canadians; c) call on the government to bring to justice and prosecute any ISIS fighter returning to Canada; and d) insist that the government make the security and protection of Canadians its priority, rather than the reintegration of

ISIS fighters, or the unnecessary financial payout to a convicted terrorist, like Omar Khadr.

When Prime Minister Trudeau was questioned about the return of ISIS fighters to Canada, he failed to reassure Canadians that he would keep them safe. Instead of making sure returning ISIS fighters face justice, he wants to rehabilitate these individuals through counselling and therapy sessions. Canadians are rightfully concerned about these individuals returning to Canada and the threat they pose to the safety and security of our country.

Such a response from the Prime Minister makes it abundantly clear that he is not taking the threat of returning ISIS fighters seriously. Instead of working to keep Canadians safe, he continues to play political games and launch personal attacks. His scripted responses aren't assuring Canadians their safety is top-of-mind for this government and that's deeply troubling.

We, as Conservatives, will always ensure that Canada's security is our top priority. We will continue to hold Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to account for this foolish decision and focus on making sure that Canadians are protected from those who go abroad to join terrorist organizations. The safety and security of Canadians should always be the priority of any government. Canadians deserve better than this current Liberal government and we stand ready to deliver.

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Shelburne Library News

Written By ROSE DOTTEN

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John L. Riley will be at Euphoria Café in Orangeville, Wednesday, February 21 @7:00pm. Refreshments provided. Limited registration is free, but required. Email lilly@orangeville.ca to register. Books by these authors are available at YOUR Library, so drop in and check one out!

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Laura Camilleri from the Dufferin County Museum and Archives is enjoying her time with us and answering all sorts of questions about Ancestry.com; searching for information about your ancestors or the history of your house, property, or business.

Children's Programs:

We are still spreading the love to everyone we know in the Children's Library this month. We have had lots of fun with our Valentine's crafts and activities, and our Black History Month display is crammed full of cool facts and important events to explore. Why not check out our picture book on Viola Desmond? She will soon be on the Canadian \$10 bill!

Books and Babies startup date is right around the corner (Tuesday, February, 20 @ 10:00 am. We are so excited to see all of our little library friends. Please send an email to children@shelburnelibrary.ca if you would like more information about the group or would like to let us know that you are coming. The group is for children 2 years old and under.

Lego Club is rocking it every week with cool new creations and tons of teamwork. The library is very proud of this great group of kids and invites any new friends who would like to check it out to stop by Wednesday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. We have snacks, challenges, colouring, snap circuits, and piles of Lego

every week.

Friday at Story Time we will be talking about what we love to do. Do you have a favourite sport? A favourite game? Do you love to read? Stop by for singing, dancing, reading and playing. You are sure to make some friends at Story Time!

If you have not picked up your 1000 Books Before Kindergarten workbook we still have a few that are unclaimed at the library. Stop by any time and we can give you a copy.

Mac the therapy dog has gone on vacation, so that means Paws to Read is taking a break too. We will resume reading with Mac later in the spring.

Teen Scene

One of our favourite Teen programs is back—our White Pine Reading Club is back for students in grades 9-12, starting Thursday, February 22 from 6:00-7:00pm! Students will participate in a variety of activities, and will aim to read at least 5 of the 10 titles nominated for the White Pine Award. Once a minimum of 5 titles has been read, the readers qualify to vote for their preferred title, and get the prestigious invite to the White Pine vote party (pizza included)! Don't forget to register for our upcoming Paint Night (Feb 20t, 4:00-5:00pm) and Teen Iron Chef Challenge (March 20, 4:00-5:00pm) by emailing jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca.

NEW BOOKS

With the sunshine today and tomorrow, you might be thinking of Spring cleaning. The book I just finished, the year of less by Cait Flanders might be a good one to start reflecting on all the extra things we have around us. The author does make a huge commitment... no shopping for a year unless it is an absolute necessity, and ridding herself of anything she hasn't used or worn in the past few months. It is extreme and I'm sure, I couldn't do it but it does provide some great strategies. When you see that she has saved about 50% of her income by sticking with the plan, there might be a few strategies to think about.

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Province scrubs plans for new 400-style road across Caledon

Written By **BILL REA**

The Province has announced it is not moving ahead with the proposed highway in the GTA West Corridor, and that has sparked reactions of frustration locally.

"Ontario has accepted an expert advisory panel's recommendation that a proposed highway in the GTA West Corridor is not the best way to address changing transportation needs," stated a news release issued by the government early Friday afternoon.

The release also stated that the panel has recommended a narrower corridor, about one-third the size of the area that's been under study, be protected from development while the province assesses what infrastructure, such as new transit or utilities, will be needed to support the growing region.

The environmental assessment (EA) of the Corridor was started in 2007 to address transportation needs in the area. The Corridor was created to provide a transportation link heading west from Highway 400, and there had been considerable talk about a 400-series highway going in (it was informally known as Highway 413). The Ministry of Transportation suspended work on the EA in December 2015, and set up the advisory panel to look into the matter.

There were concerns that the announcement will impact the Town's long-term land-use and transportation planning.

"I am disappointed that the Province has discontinued the EA process," Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson said in a statement issued late Friday afternoon. "Literally hundreds of jobs are at stake while major investors that we know of are forced to hold up planned investments without adequate transportation access."

He also noted that the Corridor has been identified as a necessary piece of growth infrastructure to help alleviate congestion on Caledon roads and gridlock throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), which has a significant impact on the Town's plans for growth and overall economic competitiveness.

"Our goal is to create an innovative transportation system that unlocks Caledon's potential for both residential and employment growth," Mr. Thompson said.

"I think I have more questions than anything," Mr. Thompson told media on Monday.

They included questions about the smaller corridor. "Where did that one come from?" he wondered.

He was also annoyed at the amount of money that's been spent on the EA, a job that will not be completed.

"It's all useful information," he declared, commenting it could benefit the Town and Peel Region, as well as King Township, City of Vaughan and York Region. "There's a lot of good information. That's why we bought into it."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones expressed frustration with the news, although she also said she wasn't surprised.

"There's a standard joke in government that you release bad news on a Friday afternoon," she observed, adding this would be bad news for anyone in a car trying to get someplace in the GTA.

She also said Metrolinx, an agency of the government, has stated congestion in the GTA will cost some \$7 billion per year by 2031, yet the government called off the EA.

"That's insane," she declared, adding the government should complete a project it's already spent more than \$14 million on.

Ms. Jones also was frustrated that the lands near the Corridor have been frozen for years because of the study, and now there's going to be a new, narrower corridor, "which again means further delays."

She was also puzzled that Transportation Minister Kathryn McGarry would be interested in keeping lands available for utilities, etc.

"The Minister of Transportation is now in the infrastructure business?" she wondered sarcastically, also pointing out that any new infrastructure going into that narrower corridor will be subject of another EA.

"Just finish the job!" she said.

She pointed out that landowners along

the Corridor have been waiting for a decision, and they haven't received it.

Ms. Jones agreed that some people will be happy that a highway won't be running through their properties, but that's all.

"It hasn't solved anything," she declared. "If people were looking for closure and completion, they haven't received it with this announcement."

"This is not a decision," she added. "They've kicked it down the road again."

But not all the reaction has been negative.

Tim Gray, executive director of Environmental Defence, applauded the news, calling the proposed highway "unnecessary."

"Stopping this highway is a game changer," he stated. "Shifting the billions this highway would have cost to public transit will benefit far more people, improve the health of our communities and reduce carbon pollution."

He added building a highway would have represented the old-style approach to transportation planning.

"Studies have shown that when a highway is built, more people drive, which adds to congestion, air pollution and greenhouse

gas emissions," Mr. Gray said. "By investing in public transit, biking infrastructure, and more efficient goods movement we can shift to building healthy walkable communities."

"This is an exciting time for transportation in our province," Ms. McGarry said. "We're planning for unprecedented growth in the region, with more people and more jobs, by investing in a well-planned, connected and innovative transportation system that can adapt to changing times. We have an obligation to respond to new and emerging technologies that impact the movement of people and goods, and we want to be sure that we make the right choices for this region. I would like to thank our advisory panel for their work, and for helping us to envision a transportation system that meets the needs of today and tomorrow."





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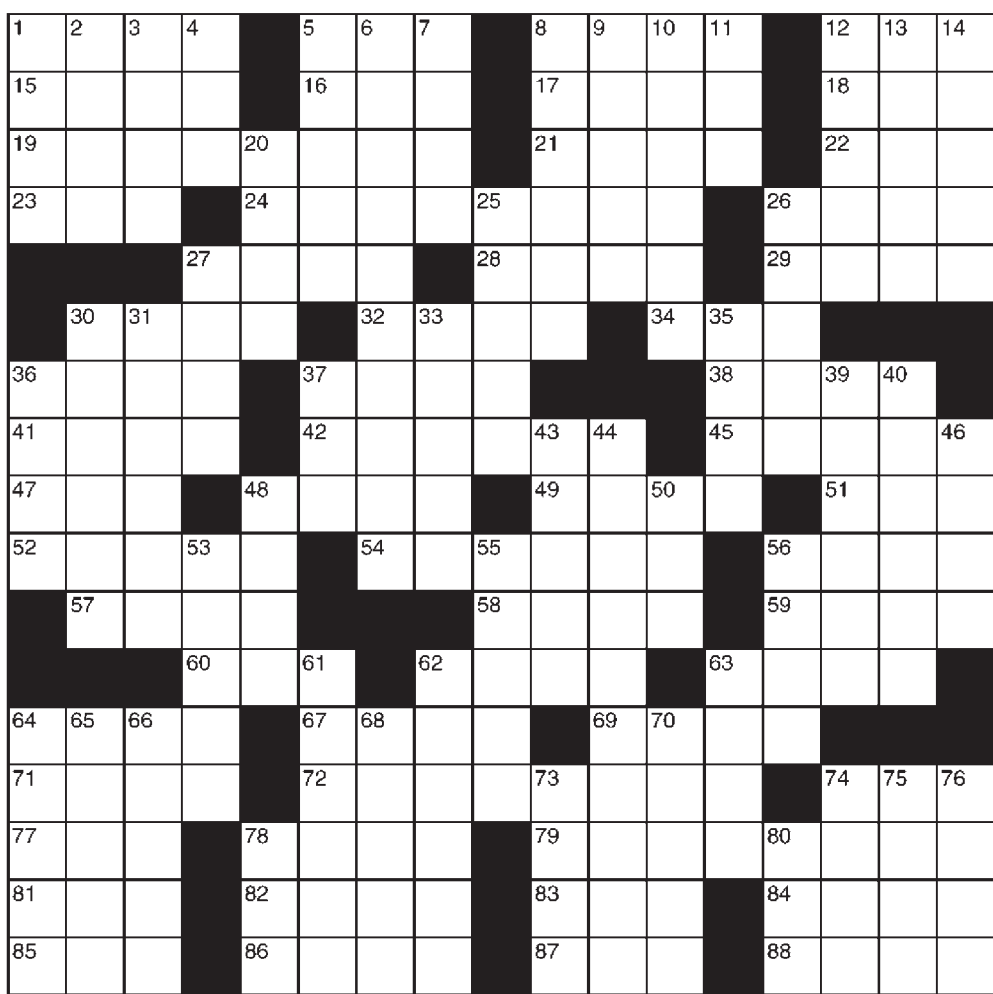
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Shelburne Kinsmen hosting community meet and greet on Feb. 20

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Shelburne Kinsmen have organized a "meet and greet" to welcome new members to the club on February 20th starting at 6:30pm at the Agricultural Community Centre, 377 William Street in Shelburne.

Kinsmen Treasurer Dan Sample says that due to work schedules and aging members, this vital volunteer organization has fallen to only eight members. "It will be good to get new fresh ideas," he told the Free Press.

Founded in Hamilton in 1920, there are approximately 450 Kinsmen, Kinette and

Kin clubs across Canada making up more than 6000 members nation wide. The organization has a proud history of serving their communities with close to \$40 million dollars donated to Cystic Fibrosis research and over \$1 billion to Canadian communities.

Since being chartered in 1959, the Shelburne Kinsmen have played a very active role in the Shelburne Community. Although small in numbers, the members are dedicated to helping build a strong community for their families. They have supported and undertaken many community projects: supporting the building of Shelburne Fiddle

Park, the new Dufferin area hospital, the library, washrooms for the baseball fields, Greenwood Park Play Ground, CDRC arena, and the creation of Dufferin Oaks wheel chair bus.

Some of the service work the Club has provided in the past includes: Christmas calls for seniors, fund raising with annual Christmas tree sales, assisting with Shelbrrr Fest and the Heritage Music Festival, organizing the Fiddle Parade, supporting Canada Day Celebrations, operating a CF toll booth, and helping to stock and distribute Shelburne Christmas Hampers.

At the height of the club in the 1970's, there were 30 or more members to share all this important work - even five to 10 years ago there were 20 or 30 members. Now the goal is to hopefully double the members from

eight to sixteen with the "meet and greet."

Dan Sample says, "This first meet and greet is for fellow men to come out and see what Kin is all about. He says benefits of the club include, "getting involved in the community and showing an interest in what is going on in the town. Volunteering has a sense of accomplishment."

Any male over 18 can join the Shelburne Kinsmen Club, which meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Agricultural Community Centre. The Shelburne Kinettes, also happy to have new members, meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, with meetings generally held at School Days Café. For more information on the Kinsmen "meet and greet" email Dan Sample at dan.sample.ds@gmail.com.

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THRILLING AS PETER PAN: Six year old Brooke Bursy and 13 year old Eva Martin Johnston, both of Shelburne were excited to be part of Orangeville Music Theatre's Peter Pan Jr at the Orangeville Opera House last weekend. It was Eva's third show performing with OMT, which is celebrating 4 decades of entertaining enthusiastic Dufferin County audiences with lively musical productions. Playing one of the "Lost Boys" was a dream come true for Brooke, who said she "really, really wanted to be in a play." Congratulations to Shelburne's young thespians and to OMT on their 40th anniversary. Next up, the beloved Canadian musical Anne of Green Gables.

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Shelburne & District Fair planning gets underway at AGM

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

Shelburne & District Fair Secretary Sue Peterson reports that the Agricultural Society had a good Annual General Meeting (AGM) on January 26th with about 25 people in attendance. "We had a productive meeting with some great discussions on our upcoming 151st Shelburne Fair," she says.

"Entertainment was amazing, as local Magician Steve Baker thrilled the crowd with illusions, including the two young boys we had in attendance," says Sue Peterson.

Regarding the new Board of Directors

for 2018, the Secretary says, "We have filled some open spots with great people and we look forward to get our planning under way."

Returning as Fair President for the second year in a row is Larry Braiden. Mr. Braiden led the organization for the 2017 sesquicentennial celebrations, when both Canada and the Shelburne Fair celebrated 150 years. In light of those celebrations, the fair ran with the theme 150 years: Pioneer Ways to Modern Days."

Events included a corn husking competition, along with the popular petting zoo, hog calling and rooster crowing events. "The

2017 kids centre was very well attended," says Sue Peterson, the weather was great and we had some new activities that received glowing reviews. Truck pulls, Lawn Tractors Races, along with a full house for the derby made for some good watching."

It is likely many of these popular events will return for the 2018 Shelburne and District Fair where this year's theme will be "Country Pumpkin." The organization is looking forward to getting the planning underway says Sue Peterson, who will also serve as the new Homecraft President this year.

Keep your eyes open for the Shelburne Fair Books around town, and start planning to participate in exhibits and competitions for adults and youth this coming September. Exhibits range from antiques and livestock to baking, arts and crafts. "With the planning just getting under way, we hope to have another successful year," says Sue Peterson. "We invite everyone to experience our fair." If you are looking for volunteer hours please contact Sue Peterson by email: busyfamily-offour@yahoo.ca or cell 519 217 5606.



PHOTO: DEB FREEMAN

ALWAYS GIVING BACK: For Tom Massoudi, owner of Sunrise Diner in downtown Shelburne, the prospect of giving back to the community is an exciting one. He's offering free meals to seniors over the age of 65 every Tuesday and Thursday.

Local seniors offered a tasty treat at Sunrise Diner in town

Written By **DEB FREEMAN**

Many of us know Tom Massoudi, the happy chappie that owns and runs Sunrise Diner, located on Main Street Shelburne.

The extensive menu draws in the crowds, from a full English breakfast, to wraps, spaghetti and pizza, Tom keeps his prices low to fit in with everyone's budget, and now he's added the icing on the cake.

Every Tuesday and Thursday between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tom is offering meals to Seniors over 65, for free.

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I asked Tom why he was doing this and what he had to gain, and his reply, "I'm a very giving man and I know seniors struggle on a pension, I can't help my native peo-

ple in Iran, so I want to do what I can for the people of Shelburne. It's pretty sad that some people can't eat properly because they can't afford it, I have nothing to gain, I just want to help people".

"People from everywhere are my people, we are all the same, why should we not eat properly?"

Tom is covering the cost of the meals out of his own pocket and all he wants is to see a smile on someone's face when they can eat a great, home cooked meal and not have to worry about the cost.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Muskies trailing 3-0 in playoff series, on verge of elimination

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Muskies will have one more chance to keep their first round playoff series against the Tillsonburg Thunder alive after losing three in a row.

The series got underway on February 3, and the first game ended with a 5-3 loss for the Shelburne team.

Returning to the CDRC on Friday (Feb. 9) night the game was delayed when the Tillsonburg team ran into transportation prob-

lems. The game got started 40 minutes later than scheduled.

The Muskies were off to a slow start going down 2-0 in the first period.

Shelburne's Ed Gaffney scored to make it a 2-1 game and the Muskies started to pick up some momentum.

The Muskies started the second period with three penalties in a row and the Thunder took advantage scoring on a powerplay.

Moving into the lead in the second period, the Muskies were ahead 3-2 on goals from

Kris Dobinson and Trevor Van Alstine.

The game was tied late in the period on a Tillsonburg powerplay goal.

The Thunder were back in the lead late in the game on a short-handed goal to make it a 4-3 game.

Tillsonburg was ahead 5-3 on another goal two minutes later.

A final empty netter ended the game with a 6-2 win for Tillsonburg and a 2-0 lead in the series.

The teams were back at it the following night, Sat., Feb. 10, in Tillsonburg.

Trevor Vanlasti scored the opener for the Muskie in the first period.

Shelburne's Nick Glassford got a single in the second period but that's all the squad could do for the night and they had to settle for a 7-2 loss when Tillsonburg scored three third period goals.

The Muskies will have a chance to get back into the series when they play game four on Friday, February 16, on home ice.

If they come up short the team will be done for the season.

Game time is 8:30 p.m. at the CDRC.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

FOOTBALL FEVER: Players take direction from coaches during the start of pre-season training in the dome at Acts Fitness on Saturday, February 10. Many Shelburne area athletes sign up with the Outlaws and play on the gridiron each season.

Shelburne football players start pre-season training

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

With football season still three months away, the Orangeville Outlaws Football Club has already started pre-season training in the dome at Acts Fitness in Orangeville.

Many Shelburne area youth sign up and play with the Outlaws in several divisions.

Shelburne's Andrew Wilson is a Varsity division player who plays tackle for his team.

He started playing football three years ago after being motivated while watching the Super Bowl.

"I was watching Super Bowl 50 and my Dad asked if I wanted to play. I said I would give it a try and I fell in love with it as soon as I came here and played," Andrew explained of his start in the game. "Out of all the sports I've played, this is the best sport I've ever played. I didn't know much at first, then my coach suggested I give the position a try. I've liked hitting people (on the field) ever since."

Andrew started pre-season training with his Varsity team on Saturday, February 10,

in the dome.

"They'll be here every Saturday for the next three weeks then we'll be running a combine on the fourth week," said Outlaws Club president Jim Walsh. "They'll do a ten yard sprint, 40 yard sprints, just to measure the tangibles. There will be some assessment. Then three-quarters of the way through the season we'll do it again to show what their work has done for them. They learn football motion, they learn some of the culture, how to take direction from a coach. A lot of kids haven't played this sport before."

The Outlaws are planning to enter four divisions in the League this season as well as host a separate house league program.

The Club is still looking for players for the 2018 season and are signing up players right up to the start of the schedule.

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Holy Primrose Pastoral Charge hosts World Day of Prayer

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Trinity Primrose Pastoral Charge is hosting the 2018 World Day of Prayer services on March 2nd with an afternoon service on the third floor of Dufferin Oaks at 2 pm and an evening service at Trinity Church at 7pm. The services are open to all.

"World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women welcoming all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice," says Reverend Candice Bist of Trinity and Primrose United. The services are written by lay Christian women and sent to churches all over the world as a kind of template."

This year, the host country is the Republic of Suriname, a tiny country in the north-eastern part of South America - an ecological region rich with biodiversity within the Amazon. The theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good."

Traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, Christians from over 170

countries have been coming together to pray about concerns facing women and children for nearly a century. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, which includes representatives from 11 church partners, coordinates the World Day of Prayer in Canada and speaks to issues that concern women of faith across the country.

"The focus of the prayers this year, and the intention of the prayer service, is to draw our attention to both the beauty and the fragility of our earth," says Reverend Bist. "The prayers are meant to remind us of the many gifts the earth has given, and to encourage our gratitude for its bounty, and also our responsibility to care for the earth, and all who are here with us - the plants, the animals, the air, the water, and the soil."

With this in mind, the Reverend says the Trinity Primrose Pastoral Charge will be showing the short film The Great Turning about the environmental work of Joanna Macy. It is a 26 minute film that asks, "How do we become fully present to our world

at a time when the suffering and the prospects for conscious life forms is so grim?" The Reverend says, "This is actually a hopeful film about the state of the universe and the groups that are rising up to help Mother Earth, and humanity, find a way forward."

The 2 pm service at Dufferin Oaks will be one of prayers and song, with familiar hymns performed in the flavours of Suriname. The 7 pm service at Trinity United Church will consist of a 45 minute prayer service followed by a time of contemplative prayer and music, the short film, and an open conversation on how we may find our way forward concerning matters environmental in our immediate community of Shelburne and Primrose.

"I would encourage all people, of all faith traditions, or no faith tradition to come out to this evening gathering," says Candice Bist. "Because our prayers are ecumenical and embracing and the need for this discussion is too. So, for anyone that cares about matters of the spirit, matters of the care of

our earth, matters concerning social justice, and for those wondering how the heck

we are going to get ourselves out of this mess we have made, I would say, come on out to Trinity in the evening. Let's sit quietly together, watch a film, think, hope, pray, and see what we should do next." Dufferin Oaks is located at 151 Centre Street and Trinity United Church is at 200 Owen Sound Street in Shelburne.

Christian Perspectives: The lost and found women's voices in the Christian faith

Had you asked me who wrote the Bible when I was a child, I am not sure I would have understood the question. In my innocent world, the Bible was the lovely white leather book my beloved grandmother had given me for my birthday. It was precious on the account of its giver, who I adored above all people. But two other things set it apart from the books in my childhood library. On the front cover, written in gold, cursive was my name. And it had a zipper. I imagined the reason for the zipper was to keep something special inside that might otherwise escape - fairies, or butterflies, or stardust. I would unzip it with care, watching to see if I could catch a trace of the magic I was sure escaped.

Still later, had you asked me who wrote the Bible, I would have said: God. If you had pressed me for further details, I would have described a large Fantasia-like plumed fountain pen writing of its own accord across the sky. I wonder that my early imaginings of things Biblical came to me largely via Walt Disney, whom I suspected had some close association with God.

I eventually tossed out the skywriting aspect of the scriptures, but nothing replaced it. I simply never considered the authorship of the Bible. Even in my undergraduate studies, when we read parts of Job and Proverbs as part of our literature class, no one spoke about the writers of the text.

But some eighteen years ago, I was forced to consider the authorship of the texts Christians hold dear to their hearts. Seminary tends to ask those hard questions.

Who wrote the scriptures? How did the Bible come into being? Where did it come from? How long did it take?

The answer to that question is a long and convoluted story, but here's the short version. Men wrote the scriptures over some four thousand years. Men of learning and power. Prophets. Historians. Scribes. Disciples. Theologians. Philosophers - those who thought about the deeper matters at hand, those who wished to consider humanity and divinity and how the two worked in concert.

But where, then, are the women's stories? Where is the woman's voice? And to my horror, I discovered at the age of fifty-one, that it was absent. I cried for three days. We would never hear of the passion of Bethsheba, the anguish of Tamar, or the sorrow of Mary Magdalene. The gossip, the wisdom, the yearnings of all the women in the scriptures may be surmised, may be imagined, may be intuited. But no authorship is given to them.

I happen to think the voices of the women in the Christian faith are important. Jesus certainly thought so. Even the male writers of the new testament allowed that the first disciples of Christ were the devoted woman who wept at the foot of the cross and hovered outside his burial site.

Next March 2nd, throughout the world we celebrate the voices of ordinary women

doing extraordinary work with the annual Women's day of Prayer. Their website reads: "The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian woman who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice." <https://world-dayofprayer.net/index.html> Each year a group of laywomen from a different country in the world put together a prayer service that is then distributed throughout the world for other groups of women to follow. This prayer service is offered to all people in the community.

This year, the women from Suriname, a small country is South America, have offered us a lovely set of prayers for the care of our earth. Here is women's authorship on full display. And they are calling us all to contemplate the state of our beautiful, but fragile, earth. "Everything that was created found its place in creation. All were related to each other - the earth with the light, the waters with the sky, the tree seeds with the living creatures, and the humankind with God. None could exist without the other, and the source of all was God. There was goodness in that integrated system of relationships. But essential to that was the commitment to care. And we know that we are failing!"

Come and hear the women's prayers, their deepest heart-felt longing for a world of peace, where each person is held precious, where every handful of soil and tree and creature and breath of air is seen as sacred.

There are two World Day of Prayer Services. The first one is on the third Floor of the Oaks at 2 pm on March 2nd. And the second one is at Trinity United Church at 7 pm in the evening. The evening service will also have a showing of the extraordinary Joanna Macy short film The Great Turning. "Arguably the greatest interview of our time with one of the wisest women of our time. Heart-breakingly inspiring, practical and transcendental, transformative words that Joanna

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The voices of women in our Christian faith are full of hope for this beautiful world. Their authorship may be missing from the scriptures, but it is silent no more. Come and gather, to sing, to contemplate, to wonder, to pray, to consider the way forward. All is not lost. Not yet. We may yet be coming into a time in history where all voices can be heard. May grace abide with us all.

Candice Bist
Shelburne/Primrose Pastoral Charge

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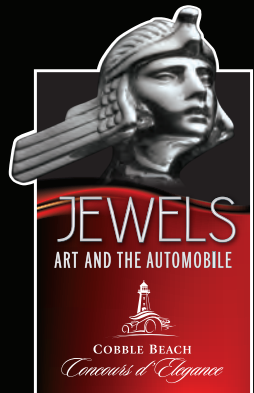
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