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'Defining Moments' redefines retirement for former CDDHS teacher Neil Orford

Written By MARNI WALSH

Launching the national digital history program "Defining Moments Canada" has radically redefined retirement for former history teacher Neil Orford.

"I jumped in with both feet," Mr. Orford told the Free Press, "People often ask me how retirement is going, and I always tell them that I have failed miserably at retirement."

Once in charge of a classroom, and a Department Head for seventeen years at Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne, Neil Orford is now in charge of a nationwide program for the Federal Government.

"Today, I run a business; employ a team of national project leaders and creative digital developers; contract scholarly research; design curriculum for a national audience; travel weekly and write grant applications," says Mr. Orford. "It is a very different lifestyle, yet every skill and experience I acquired in teaching is being put to good use. There's no question that teaching has prepared me well for the transition to the business world...but still, my learning-curve was huge."

With its roots in the Digital History Project that began in Dufferin County, under Neil Orford's leadership, in conjunction with the Museum of Dufferin, the concept has "blossomed into a national program teaching Canadians how to tell our history in new and exciting ways," says the former teacher.

"Being awarded the contract to lead the official Canadian national commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Spanish Flu Pandemic was our first 'historical moment' to do so. Young Canadians are our particular audience – and using the Digital Historian Project methodology as a 'model', we are able to help teachers do history differently in schools that register for the platform." Mr. Orford says, "Digital creative team leader, Blake Heathcote's innovative web design makes the Defining Moments Canada website truly unique."

The Defining Moments' platform went live for the first time at a media launch in Toronto last May with its initial focus commemorating the centennial of the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918. "We had sourced research from so many experts and written so much original content for the website, and

seeing it live on the internet was a powerful experience for the whole team," says the project leader.

In September, the team was represented in Oslo, Norway, at a major European conference, where an international audience was exposed to Canadian stories about the Pandemic and the Digital Historian Project.

September also saw the launch of a national travelling exhibit with stories of the Canadian pandemic experience shared in communities across the country.

There have been many other accomplishments and milestones in the first year, including being part of National History Week, but Neil Orford says the most rewarding by far, "is seeing the website used by students in their classes across Canada, designing really amazing local history projects on how influenza affected their community in 1918."

Several Canadian provinces (amazingly) do not have mandatory Canadian History programs for Secondary Students, says Mr. Orford.

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FEATURED ITEMS

Ford government cutting \$15 million from grants to Trillium Foundation

Written By MIKE BAKER

The Ontario government has withdrawn a promised \$15 million to Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF); money the foundation would have granted out to community projects this winter. Funding that would have strengthened communities now won't be distributed – such as funding to fix the ice rink roof, support a local festival, buy community play equipment, provide meals to vulnerable people, and create jobs.

OTF grants are given to nonprofits, First Nations, and small municipalities to implement important community projects and initiatives. The Ontario Nonprofit Network is concerned this large cut will cancel and delay important planned projects and is asking the government to reverse its decision:

“OTF grants help us all be open to the business of strengthening the people and communities of Ontario. This funding cut puts communities at risk. The government should keep its promise and restore funding,” says Cathy Taylor, executive director at the Ontario Nonprofit Network.

Concerns regarding the funding cut are shared by many, including the Rural Ontario Institute:

“One of the realities nonprofit organizations serving small rural communities face is that there are relatively few other funding organizations to turn to when it comes to pooling resources for projects. OTF is very important for rural municipalities and nonprofits alike. Fewer resources for the OTF will likely be felt by these stakeholders,” says Norman Ragetlie, executive director of

the Rural Ontario Institute.

Locally, Theatre Orangeville is one of many non-profit organizations which have regularly received OTF grants.

The OTF provides critical investments in community services and facilities across this province – to organizations such as food banks, sports facilities, arts organizations and social service providers.

As noted in its annual report, not counting programs it administers for other ministries, OTF invested \$100 million directly in the community economy in 2016-2017. Through its Seed, Grow, and Collective Impact streams, OTF funded 469 projects in 2016-2017 that will impact over 750,000 Ontarians over three years. OTF's 203 capital grants in 2016-2017 invested \$22.4 million into nonprofits, First Nations, and small municipali-

ties.

According to figures provided in its 2016-2017 annual report, 87% of OTF funding goes to job creation in local communities, hiring people to improve community health and well-being. These are meaningful jobs for both the employees and program participants.

OTF's grants also support the purchasing of goods from local suppliers and the hiring of local contractors. These are spin-off benefits for the local economy that will be reduced with OTF's funding cut.

Because granting decisions are made by regional volunteer committees, grants are highly responsive to what communities need.

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'Defining Moments' redefines retirement for former CDDHS teacher Neil Orford



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VACCINE IN A BOTTLE: Retired CDDHS teacher Neil Orford holds the last remaining vial of 1918 Flu Vaccine. The vial is part of the collection at Ingenium, the Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa.

“It is often not a requirement at all, in some provinces. This means that a site like Defining Moments Canada has to be flexible enough to speak to Canadians who may know very little about their own country's history.”

Over two hundred teachers and schools across Canada have registered for the site; close to fifty museums have registered to use the research and model the Digital Historian Project methodology first pioneered in Dufferin County; more than a dozen heritage groups have also registered with plans to complete digital projects for a national contest called “Recovering Canada;” and the website has been visited over 30 000 times in its first year.

He says the hope is that more “Universities, School boards and Museums will see the value in interdisciplinary learning opportunities” because “embedding more maths in history class, and more history in math or science class can enrich the experience for so many students.”

Going forward, Mr. Orford says the team has approached the Ministry of Canadian Heritage with several new proposals for 2019-20. “We also hope to be working with the Juno Beach Centre to develop the commemorative program for Canadian schools to honour the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6th, 2019.

“I am very proud of our achievements in two short years” says Neil Orford of his retirement project, “we have in many ways redefined the way Canadians can commemorate their history. Where once we built statues and monuments, in the 21st century we will increasingly build digital memorials, where ‘citizen-curators’ can contribute as successfully to commemorations as professional public historians – this is where Defining Moments Canada excels.” To experience Defining Moments Canada visit: www.definingmomentscanada.ca

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JANUARY 2019

Trees must be out by 7 a.m. on the Monday to ensure collection during the designated week.

Christmas trees in the Town of Orangeville will be collected during the week of **January 7th.**

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- 5. Grabbed a chair
- 8. Jeer
- 13. Skating maneuver
- 14. Fantastic!
- 16. Angora fabric
- 17. Banana cover
- 18. Sailing vessel
- 19. Strength
- 20. In a group of
- 22. Missouri feeder
- 24. Flight
- 27. Roman date
- 29. Tom, Dick, and Harry
- 30. Eye cosmetic
- 34. Foreign-born resident
- 36. Convent position
- 39. New Zealand parrot
- 40. Detective
- 42. So-so

43. Caustic

- 45. Harmony
- 46. Baker's necessity
- 48. Inlet
- 50. Clothing retailer
- 53. Devoted citizen
- 56. Part of a.k.a.
- 57. Take off
- 61. Earth pigment
- 62. Therefore
- 64. Filled pastry
- 66. "___ of These Nights"
- 67. Sieve
- 69. Of an earlier time
- 70. Romanian coins
- 72. Dustcloth
- 73. Festival
- 76. Fringe
- 77. Hold fast
- 79. "Aladdin" bird

81. Minimum attendance needed

- 84. Halt, to a salt
- 87. Abrade
- 91. Suave and debonair
- 92. Bald ___
- 93. Disastrous
- 94. Soul
- 95. Average mark
- 96. Neglect

DOWN

- 1. Dip suddenly into water
- 2. Hewing tool
- 3. Low grade
- 4. Spanish pot
- 5. Napped kid leather
- 6. Well-suited
- 7. Private eye
- 8. Vocalized tune
- 9. Impudence

- 10. Boat rower
- 11. Dried fruit
- 12. Cook in lard
- 14. Lose traction
- 15. Certain parallelograms
- 16. Ways and ___
- 21. Julep flavor
- 23. Female fortune-teller
- 24. Maiden
- 25. Buddy
- 26. Bearing
- 28. Less risky
- 31. Southern vegetable
- 32. Beneficiary
- 33. Titled woman
- 35. 32-card game
- 37. Boo-boo cover
- 38. Gratify
- 41. A road's scholar?
- 44. Turn sour
- 47. Ex-soldier
- 49. Sandal or sabot
- 51. Affected manner
- 52. "___ Came Jones"
- 53. Join together
- 54. Skin blemishes
- 55. Those persons
- 58. Solemn promise
- 59. ___ hydrant
- 60. "___ Russia With Love"
- 63. Jamaican music
- 65. Rocky hill
- 68. Unlawful act
- 71. Skedaddle
- 74. Row
- 75. Not on schedule
- 78. Silver, in alchemy
- 80. Mass calendar
- 81. Sine ___ non
- 82. Large coffeepot
- 83. Japanese sash
- 85. Rug cleaner, for short
- 86. Epoch
- 88. Intention
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Happy New Year!

You can thank Julius Caesar and his Pagan ways for establishing January 1 as the start of each new year.

It's as good a date as any considering the earth goes around in an orbit and any day of the year could have been established as the start of a new calendar. After all, we'll be back in the same place again a year later, no matter when you start counting the days.

Caesar and his fun pals also established the tradition of the new year's party, although in Roman times, the parties were a usually a little wilder in ways I won't mention here.

The tradition continues of drinking, revelry, dancing on table tops, and making a lot of noise when the second hand counts down to the start of a new year – at least for some people. Others take a more subdued approach.

For some reason it has also become somewhat of a tradition to make new year's resolutions. What better way to start the new year than to make a promise to yourself you won't keep!

A quick search revealed the top 10 most common resolutions as indicated

by a poll which may or may not be scientifically accurate, but it sounds pretty close.

- One: Diet or eat healthier.
- Two: Exercise more.
- Three: Lose weight
- Four: Save more and spend less money
- Five: Learn a new skill or hobby.
- Six: Quit smoking
- Seven: Read more
- Eight: Find another job
- Nine: Drink less alcohol
- Ten: Spend more time with family and friends.

I'm pretty sure number's one, two, and three, are the main reason many workout gyms stay in business. What better way to get in shape than drop a few hundred dollars on a gym membership with a vow to enter bathing suit season ripped in muscles and ready to run a marathon – or least attract a lot of members of the opposite sex. Of course that daily workout usually becomes less and less as you vow to make up the missing days on your next visit, then realize you haven't been to the gym in six months.

Number four – saving more money and

spending less sounds kind of good. It would be even better if prices didn't keep going and your pay cheque didn't stay the same year after year.

Learning a new skill or hobby I think is one resolution that is very doable. If you have an interest in something give it a try. If you like it, you'll keep coming back.

Quitting smoking is a tough one for a lot of people. A good incentive, if you're a guy, would be to find a stunningly beautiful woman that likes you but tells you if you don't quit, she'll be on the next train to the international singles convention in Las Vegas looking for someone else. That would probably work the other way around as well.

Number seven – reading more? I have trouble with this one. If you spend more time alone reading, doesn't that take time away from resolutions number one, two, three, five, eight, and ten?

I'm not sure about number eight – finding a new job. That would only apply to people who don't like their current line of work. Are there that many people who hate their job?

Number nine – drink less alcohol. This

one needs a little more context. I think this would depend entirely on if you are a glass of wine on a weekend type person, or a raging alcoholic with five DUI's on your record.

If you're the latter, cutting down would probably be a good thing.

And finally, spending more time with family and friends. You should be doing that already.

After all, who else are you going to spend time with? Your enemies and people you don't like?

Like probably everyone else, I've got a few ideas of my own I want to try in the new year but I don't call them resolutions. I prefer to think of them as personal mental notes.

If you have made some resolutions for the new year, good for you. Give it a go and do your best to carry through.

Either way, have a good and prosperous 365 days until we arrive back here, same time, same channel, in 2020.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Editorial Circling dates

Now that a new year has dawned, it is time to start circling dates on the political calendar.

Like April 1, for example.

No April Fool's Day joke, it is the day Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, egged on by his principal secretary Gerald Butts and his environment minister, Catherine McKenna, begin to saddle us even more with their supposedly planet-saving carbon tax.

And will it ever cost us.

Internal government documents show that while the Trudeau Liberals will start their carbon tax at a modest \$20 a tonne, and plan to hike it to \$50 a tonne within three years, their real target is \$300 a tonne, or 15 times larger than their introductory hit on taxpayers.

That translates into an additional \$1000 a year for each of us to heat our homes, and an additional 60 cents a litre every time we go to the gas pumps.

Yes, 60 more cents a litre. So, enjoy the somewhat low prices currently posted on gas station marquees because they are about to spike.

And all this while the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases will be getting massive exemptions.

In other words, it's the little guy—meaning you—who will be doing the paying.

Or, put another way, business as usual.

No wonder Conservative leader Andrew Scheer used the statutory holiday of New Year's Day to double-down on Trudeau and use his carbon tax as a dollars-and-cents reason to limit the Liberals in the fall election to a single term in government.

As for Trudeau? Well, his official itinerary had him taking personal time on the ski slopes of Whistler.

It must be nice.

Trudeau's carbon tax will do absolutely nothing to save the environment, of course, but it will make everyday essentials for expensive for all Canadians.

Simply put, hard-working taxpayers cannot afford to have the Trudeau Liberals re-elected.

The Liberals' plan is to tax us out of house and home.

The numbers do not lie.

Our Readers Write

Canadian Medical Association: Is the application process fair or a farce?

After hearing the news a few months ago, on the issue where the hospitals will find themselves "understaffed" due to the departure of the Saudi Medical Students, I could not help but wonder why should the government be in a quandary, when there are skilled and very accomplished doctors in Canada working odd jobs for less than minimum wage, just so they can keep themselves as close to the medical field as possible? Can't the skills of these Doctors be harnessed to alleviate this lack?

These persons are in Canada expecting that they would be able to enter into residency after passing the requisite Canadian Exams. They have spent thousands of dollars on Application fees, and examination fees. Some doctors who were born in English speaking countries and educated in English speaking schools, have had to be spending fee after fee ever so often, sitting exams to prove that they can speak English.

These well-trained persons are at this very minute working in the clothing industries, some have turned to other professions, being very disappointed as it appears that they are unable even to get a toe in the door. I know at this time of at least three very accomplished doctors with bona-fide credentials, who worked in their previous countries of residence and come highly recommended, even had their own private practices, and are unable to even get a glance from the recruiters. One such foreign-trained physician, after years of working in Canada as an assistant, had to move to a distant province, in order to realise his dream of re-entering his profession. For many foreign-trained physicians, the option of moving does not exist due to ties to their families.

One of the frustrations encountered by a doctor I personally know, was that the Canadian licensing body she applied to required 12 months of internship. She completed 11 months' internship at the University where

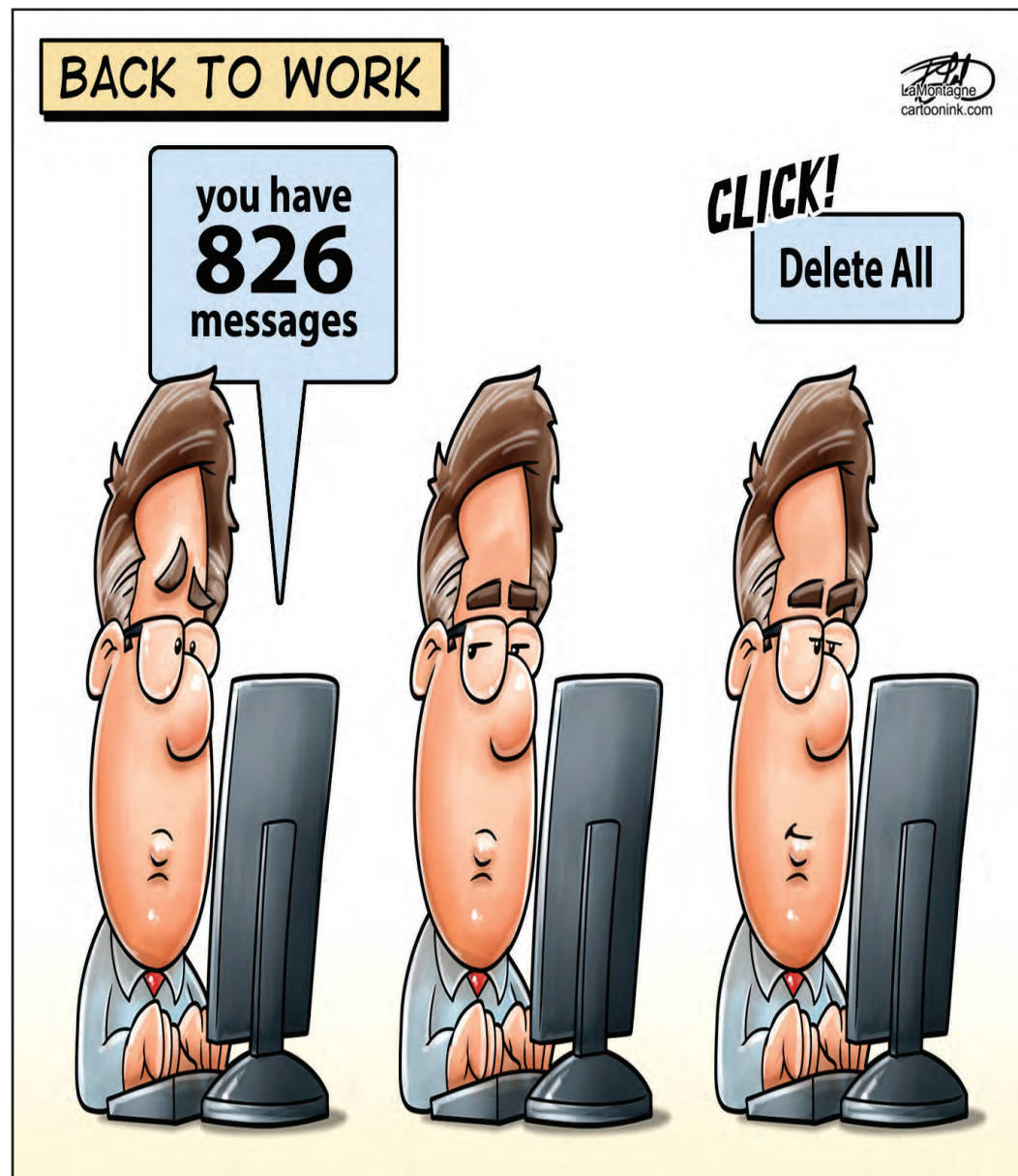
she studied, and another 12 months internship at another hospital after she returned to her homeland. Well, the University to which she applied said she did not qualify for entry because the internship of 11 months was lacking one month, and the internship done in her homeland of 12 months is not relevant, as internship should be done prior to graduation from Med School. All this was deemed crucial to her application despite her practising independently as a physician in her home country for seven years after internship. The additional frustrations include the realization that excellent scores in the qualifying medical examinations do not even guarantee a spot in the residency match for qualification as a physician. It seems to be a matter of who the applicant knows in the system, furthermore, there are far too few residency spots available for the tens of thousands of applicants each year.

The shortage of physicians is not merely a result of the return of the Saudi students. For years Ontario residents have suffered through long wait times to see specialist physicians, and the inability to find a Family physician who will accept new patients. For many Ontarians, healthcare isn't as accessible as it should be.

I sincerely hope that some changes can be made to the system that will both address the shortage of physicians in our country, as well as the thousands of qualified doctors in need of employment. As the United States seeks to implement immigration policies similar to what exists in Canada, I have to wonder about the purpose of the role of demanding that potential immigrants display their credentials.

It seems futile for one to have to prove their qualifications as a medical doctor in order to immigrate, only to later be unable to practice in their profession after relocating.

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Shelburne resident



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Muskies riding festive winning streak

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Senior Muskies are ending the year on a high note after winning their fourth game in a row.

The squad travelled to Shallow Lake on Friday, December 1, to take on the Crushers and left the ice with a 9-4 win.

The Muskies were in control of the first period out-shooting the Crushers 19-5 and taking a 3-1 lead by the time the period ended.

Luke Richardson opened the scoring in the first period.

The Crushers tied it up just over a minute later.

Shelburne captain, Chris Greer scored to put the Muskies back in the lead.

Defenceman, Travis Knight scored on a powerplay to end the scoring for the first frame.

It was the second period that really blew the game wide open when they scored five times to take an 8-2 lead.

Muskies goals came from Andrew Whalen for two, Luke Richardson, Chris Greer, and Jeff Noseworthy.

Again, the Muskies put more shots on net out-shooting the Crushers 17-6 for the period.

Returning for the final period, the Crushers put up a good effort trying to get back into the game, but the Muskies kept up the pressure.

The final goal came from Mitch Scott to end the game with a Shelburne win.

Muskies goalie, Malcolm Young picked up the win.

Noteworthy for this game is the fact that the Muskies didn't receive any penalties for the game.

The win gave the Muskies a 9-6 record for the season which leaves them in seventh place out of 14 teams.

The Ripley Wolves are hanging on to first place with a 15-2 record.

They are followed by the Clinton Radars, the Durham Thundercats, and the Mapleton-Minto 81's.

The Muskies will return to home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, January 5, when they will host the Tavistock Royals.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

WINNING STREAK: The Shelburne Senior Muskies are on a winning streak after winning their fourth game in a row over the Shallow Lake Crushers. The squad is in seventh place in the 14 team league and are picking up momentum as the season grinds through the schedule.

Close battle in Jr. C playoff run

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

With ten games left for most teams on the Provincial Junior Hockey League regular season schedule it is starting to look like some very exciting playoff series are in the forecast for Junior C fans.

The League standings are tighter than they have been for several years.

On top, the Stayner Siskins are leading the pack with 52 points and a 24-7-2 record including two overtime losses.

The Siskins are the defending League champions having claimed the title last season.

One thing is for sure – almost any team can beat another in this year's line-up.

The Caledon Golden Hawks continue to have a strong season winning 20 out of 32 games played and taking one overtime loss for 43 points so far.

Just one point behind the Hawks, the Alliston Hornets played one of their best games of the season on Friday (Dec. 28) against the Caledon team. They now have a 20-10-1 record. The team seems to have regrouped and will be a viable threat come playoff time.

In fourth place, the Midland Flyers have 31 points after 14 wins.

The Flyers' arch-rivals, the Penetang Kings also have 31 points but have played three more games than the Flyers and are currently slotted in the number six spot.

The Orillia Terriers have dropped way



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

CLOSE BATTLE: The Alliston Hornets battle the Caledon Golden Hawks during Provincial Junior Hockey League action at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston on Friday, December 28. The PJHL is shaping up to be a real fight to the finish in one of the closest League standings in several years.

down in the standings after opening the season with strong start but went into a slump at the midway point and have only won two games since early November.

In the number seven spot, the Huntsville Otters are struggling this year winning 11 out of 34 games played.

In the basement, the Schomberg Cougars have a 9-19-2 record for 23 points.

As the playoffs get closer the squads will be battling hard to get a few more points and move to a good berth in the playoff line-up.

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NDACT: 'Stopping Bill 66 is as important as stopping Mega Quarry'

Written By MARNI WALSH

On December 13th, just one week after the public posting of the Province's proposed Bill 66, the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) met to review the bill and its impacts in order to submit comments to the provincial government by the January 20th deadline.

The Provincial Conservative Party has proposed MMAH/Planning Act changes in Bill 66, named "Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act," which allow municipalities, with ministerial approval, to pass "Open For Business" bylaws permitting them to exclude requirements for public notice or public meetings. These decisions, made by municipal governments, could not be appealed at the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal.

Sounding the alarm, NDACT, and other environmental action organizations such as Environmental Defence, want the public to be aware that, "The legislation exempts municipalities from complying with portions of the Clean Water Act, Greenbelt Act, the Planning Act, Lake Simcoe Protection Act, Great Lakes Protection Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, key sections of the Planning Act and other environmental legislation implemented over the last 30 years."

"The argument that Bill 66 and the Open for Business by-law will make it easier to designate lands that are currently protected for new business and industry does not make good economic sense," states NDACT. "For years the province has forced municipalities to look at and ensure employment lands are located within an urban or town boundary close to infrastructure that can support businesses such as water, sewers, internet and a good road network. Allowing employment uses anywhere in the province, as the Open for Business by-law would, will put a huge burden on municipalities and utilities to provide services and upgrade roads in addition to the potential loss of farmland, and environmental impacts. These services are expensive and building them will cause property tax increases and make it even harder to build public transit."

In a 2017 two-part brief titled "The Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plan Setting the Record Straight," expert planner Victor Doyle stated: "The claims that the plans are constraining the supply of land and

ground-related housing are ill-founded." His findings supported no demand or need for new lands to be designated for "business" on the Greenbelt, in the Lake Simcoe watershed or on the Oak Ridges Moraine, but rather, that municipalities should make use of surplus employment lands in towns and cities across the region.

NDACT's mandate is to protect local resources and communities, "The health of our region depends on valuing our farms, forests, clean water sources and nature, and building robust and vibrant communities," says the grassroots organization. It is clear that the proposed Bill 66 does not adequately allow for this.

NDACT's new Chair, Karren Wallace, was a major force in the battle to save local farmland and source water from the (American hedge fund backed) Highland Companies' proposed Mega Quarry which was defeated in 2012. She told the Free Press, that although NDACT is supportive of the goal of streamlining and reducing red tape for businesses to operate in Ontario, the proposed amendment to the Planning Act in Bill 66 takes away the democratic right of citizens to know what is happening in their own backyard, provide input, and if needed oppose the development. "Transparency is a key and fundamental issue that is missing from Bill 66," says Ms. Wallace. "Profits for corporations should not come before the rights of the taxpayers, their health or the environment."

Ms. Wallace capsulates the serious implications of Bill 66, "In the Mega Quarry Battle, due to the legislative requirements for public notice, public meetings and various applications the Highlands Companies was required to submit, the North Dufferin and Community Agricultural Taskforce (NDACT) was able to bring the facts to the public's attention resulting in public opposition to the proposal, eventually proving the implications of the proposal would be catastrophic. If Bill 66 were in place in 2011, the company could have approached and received Council approval, fast tracked rezoning without notice to the public and no mechanism to appeal the decision."

NDACT's Chair says the organizations short term goal is to raise public awareness about the implications of the Provinces proposed Bill 66. "Stopping or amending Bill 66

in its current form is every bit as important as stopping the Mega Quarry," says Ms. Wallace. "Transparency is a fundamental right of democracy and this Bill, if passed would remove that."

Public comments on Bill 66 are required before the January 20th deadline. NDACT calls on residents to comment in writing, by email and on-line if possible. The Province has transitioned from a previous Environmental Bill Registry, and now all comments must be submitted on the new site. The ERO number must be submitted with the comments. ERO-013-4293 Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018. For a summary follow this link: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4293>. (It is advisable to keep a copy of your submission.) By email to: PlanningConsultation@ontario.ca ; On-Line: follow this link: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4293>; In writing to: Michael Helfinger, Intergovernmental Policy Coordination Unit, 900 Bay Street, Hearst Block, 7th Floor, Toronto ON M6H 4L1. Long Term, NDACT hopes to raise awareness of the importance of protecting and expanding the Greenbelt. NDACT is attending a session by Environmental Defence in Ajax on January 12th and will be conducting delegations on Bill 66 to Councils in Dufferin County in the coming weeks.



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The family will receive friends at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 12-1 p.m. The funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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Polish donor, local recipient of life-saving stem cells meet

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

It was a deeply emotional moment when Temine Ash and Evelina Makar met, in person for the first time, at Pearson Airport last Thursday, December 27.

That is to say, as Ms. Ash recounted, "We were both crying until I looked down and saw that she had exactly the same suitcase as I have. Then, we began to laugh."

"And my cosmetic case is the same one too," added Ms. Makar.

Mike and Temine Ash had invited the Citizen back to the warm welcome of their kitchen to meet Evelina, the young Polish woman who donated her stem cells which have saved Temine Ash's life.

The two ladies were sitting on opposite sides of the table. Evelina looked across the table at Temine.

"I can't believe we're genetic twins," she commented.

The genetic similarities between them, although they look nothing like each other, is closer than that between Temine and her own sister.

Becoming a donor happened in a way from which organizations here might well learn.

"I study at the university," Evelina began. "I'm doing my Masters in Spanish Philology. I'm studying Spanish," she said as an aside and a joke about her own black hair and almond shaped eyes, "because I look like a Spanish girl. I work now also as a professor in Spanish. I would like to go to Spain to work and study."

She told us, "They asked me on the street. I was a blood donor and young people from the university came after to me to ask me me to register to be a donor for DKMS, the international organization for stem cells only."

"There are choices to be a donor only for people [needing stem cells] in just Poland or for all over the world. They wanted me to be only for Poland but I wanted to be for all the world. I think it's normal - a person is a person. It's so hard to find a match, so why does it matter what country that person lives in?"



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AN UNLIKELY MEETING: In the Ash's family kitchen, Temine finally comes face-to-face with the woman who saved her life. From left to right, sitting Evelina Makar, Temine Ash and son, Jeff Ash - standing, husband, Mike Ash

The very dramatic recovery that Temine is making, makes it clear how important it is to register for a stem cell donation.

She is, for sure, an advocate: "I think it's important to register. Elaine [St. Pierre, territory Manager with Canadian Blood Services] asked me to speak at the Annual Regional Conference and I did."

"I really feel in my heart people need to talk about it."

Evelina assured us, "It doesn't hurt." Nowadays, usually, stem cells are taken from peripheral blood. It does involve some time, as only a small number of stem cells are released into the blood.

"It's a matter of awareness," Temine pressed on, saying, "there's a push for organ donors with the drivers' licences. Maybe, they should be doing the same with stem

cells."

Twice as many stem cells as are needed are taken for half to be frozen cryogenically. Those from Evelina are stored specifically for Temine but, once she shows she does not need them, they could be given to someone else.

She was happy to boast, in the best possible way, "I'm good, really good, stronger - I went skiing!"

Her son, Jeff Ash, declared, "The difference in her is a 180. When she came back, it was an effort to get up the stairs; now, she's cooking up a storm. She's doing the things she normally would do."

When it was time for Temine to receive stem cells, she had to go to a hospital in Cleveland, as there was no space for her in Toronto hospitals equipped for the procedure, although those spaces have since been increased.

She spent a hundred days in the Cleveland hospital, for there is a delicate stage after the stem cells have introduced into the recipient's system, when sterile isolation is crucial. Every effort is made to protect the very vulnerable patient's body while it learns to accept the new, foreign cells.

In many ways, Evelina is a little bewil-

dered by the fuss made over herself, as donor. "I'm not special," she insisted. "I just lay on a chair for 4 1/2 hours while they took the cells from my blood."

Another, now less common, way of extracting stem cells is by a surgical procedure of removing them from the pelvic bones.

The third way is to collect them immediately after a birth from the cord blood, from where they are processed and stored.

There is more to this than even the marvellous recovery Temine is making: it is the connection between them; their shared stem cells. During the two years during which they could only wonder about each other, they each had the other in their thoughts.

Said Temine, addressing Evelina, "I could feel you; I'm connected by this invisible bond."

Sure enough, Evelina told us too, "Every month, I would ask about her, how she was doing. They wouldn't give me her name but they told me she was still alive and doing well."

Temine then told the story of when the Ash family knew Evelina's last name. "We were looking through all the Evelinas and what they were saying about themselves and one said the best thing she ever did was to donate her stem cells and I knew that was you!"

Mike made the comment, "We had to go for a long walk after that."

Last Monday, New Year's Eve, during the day, we all met again at the monthly blood donors' clinic, run by Canadian Blood Services at the Best Western Inn and Conference Centre.

Elaine St. Pierre provided us with a long list of statistics, some of which are that one of every two Canadians are eligible to give blood but only one in 60 actually does. There is a process before donating, a screening of forms to fill in and information to discuss to confirm eligibility. There is a constant need for blood donors and the first criteria is that a person must be over 17 years of age and of reasonable health.

Donating blood can mean saving a life. Registering to donate stem cells can also lead to very dramatic and wonderful life stories.

The website to find time and place of blood donor clinics and to learn all about registering to be a stem cells donor is blood.ca. Look under Stem Cells for Life and follow along.



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