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Shelburne Council to roll out revamped development charge policy for new builds

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne developers may soon be paying more for the right to build in town.

Council heard a report from Hemson Consulting Monday night, outlining the findings of their report on development charges in town. Recent changes in provincial legislations, have altered the method by which development charges may be collected and utilized, and this report outlined the new regulations and the changes, for Council.

The legislation originally removed several classifications from the DC legislation and would have rolled them under a new category, labelled Community Benefits Charges. Some of those changes have recently been reversed and will once again be clarified as development charges applicable.

Some of the changes include the removal of the 10 percent discount program, which now means that the full amount of a project may be covered by development charges, thus lessening the need to fund that 10 percent by taxes, reserves or borrowing.

The changes to the Planning Act, to establish the CBC established a 10 percent levy on the land value involved, after all approvals have been granted, for the Town and an additional 5 percent levy for the County. This will pertain to parkland acquisition, parking and bylaw enforcement, social/ subsidized hous-

ing and shelters, childcare and other community amenities previously funded under development charges.

What this all comes down to, is a proposed 21 percent increase in residential development charges and a 22 percent increase in non-residential development charges.

On a chart of surrounding and similarly sized municipalities, Shelburne falls in the median range, in both residential and non-residential categories. These changes will not affect existing projects that have already been approved, but will apply to any new developments in town. The new rates will take effect on May 11.

Mayor Wade Mills, and the rest of Council, expressed some concern over the new rates hindering or cooling off development in town, something that would please some residents, but were reassured that this should not be the case, especially since they still placed Shelburne in the affordable charges category when compared to other municipalities.

As part of this process, Treasurer Carey Holmes also presented a report, concerning the application of a new development charges interest rate policy. This report relates to the fact that under the legislation, certain types of developments, namely, rental housing, institutional development and non profit housing, would be allowed to pay their development charges in equal annual instalments.

Non-profits would have 20 years and the others 5 years to pay the charges. In essence, this means that the Town would be paying their charges up front and waiting for their payments. To offset this, the Town is allowed to charge these developments an annual interest rate to help compensate the long wait time. Shelburne will be the first municipality in the County, to initiate such an interest policy.

As Shelburne will have to either borrow or use reserves to account for the shortfall from deferred DC's, this becomes a potentially grave concern for Council, especially since there are no regulations with respect to requiring securities for what is in essence, a loan to the developer by the Town.

The treasurer has determined that the current Bank of Canada prime rate, plus 5 percent will be the rate which Shelburne will apply to these frozen development charges. With the current prime being 3.45 percent, that rate becomes 8.45 percent annually. Since the Town is the first to the plate, the validity of this rate is purely conjectural. Obviously, the Town does not want the rate to be less than what a developer could borrow the development charges for, but not so high as to be deemed excessive by the Province. Consequently, it remains to be seen if this rate will be acceptable or will need revision in the future.



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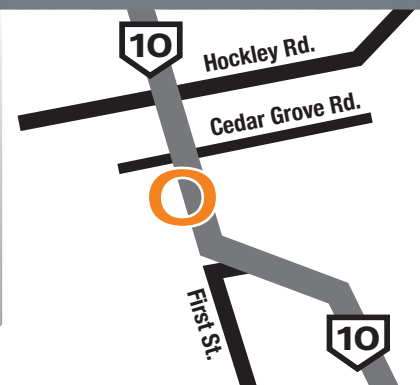


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Local resident celebrates 100th birthday surrounded by family

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

To say he's had an interesting life might be an understatement.

For Shelburne resident, William Hooker, celebrating his 100th birthday means he has a lot to look back on.

Mr. Hooker's birthday, which was March 6, was celebrated with family and friends on March 7, at the Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Centre where he currently resides.

Many guests wore period dress from the time Mr. Hooker was born.

He was born in London, England in 1920 and as a young man found himself thrust into the Second World War, serving in the 8th Army, 51st Highlanders.

His war record is something that would make for a very interesting movie.

He was in Dunkirk during the famous failed invasion and subsequent mass evacuation. His wartime escapades took him across various places in Europe and he was in some very well known war theatres including the late-war Battle of the Bulge in

the Ardennes Forest.

After serving in the army for eight years and attaining the rank of Sergeant, he returned to private life, settled down and had a family. He had three children, Jenny, Josephine, and Peter.

Mr. Hooker immigrated to Canada in 1956, where had a job waiting. He arrived three months before his family to get settled and find a place to live.

After the company he worked for folded, he found a new job working for a foundry.

From there he worked for Garrett Manufacturing, making airplane parts and the family moved to Malton.

He has always kept active and enjoyed ballroom dancing with his late wife. He actually taught ballroom dancing in Florida when they wintered there.

Mr. Hooker has resided at Dufferin Oaks for the past two years.

Along with his children, he was joined by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and many friends and well wishers during the party.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Shelburne resident, William Hooker, is surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, during the celebration of his 100th birthday. The party took place at the Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home where Mr. Hooker currently resides, on Saturday, March 7.



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MARDI GRAS SOUP HAUS: Emma, Anna, and Gillian volunteered to help locals celebrate Mardi Gras at the March 3 complimentary community meal.

It's never too late to celebrate as Troupe-Adore hosts Mardi Gras bash

Written By MARNI WALSH

Last week a group of dedicated volunteers from Troupe-Adore, proved, once again, that it is never too late to celebrate.

Good food and great friends are never out of time, or season, and that is why all hands were on deck to help local folks, in desire of some fun and sustenance, celebrate a belated Mardi Gras at a complimentary Soup Haus dinner held on Tuesday, March 3.

"It was a belated pancake Tuesday and a full house," Chef Sohayla Smith told the Free Press.

The meal featured a Louisiana-Creole-Cajun menu with Louisiana-Creole-Cajun chicken with rice and gravy, bell peppers, onion, celery, garlic, peas, and beans. The main course was followed by a mini stack of pancakes for dessert with a variety of delicious toppings including, chocolate, strawberry, and caramel sauces, fresh fruit, bacon, and syrup.

"Everyone seemed to enjoy it," said Ms. Smith who has now led preparations for 122 complimentary meals for the community.

The Mardi Gras celebrations included decorations of beads for each guest, and the volunteers, serving up the delicious meal, wore festive feathered masks to enhance

the theme.

Troupe Adore, owned by Sohayla Smith, has been serving the community on Tuesday evenings, weekly, since its inaugural meal over two years ago. Soup Haus is a volunteer run, sponsor and donation funded, "no strings attached" community initiative, that serves out of the kitchen of Trinity United Church at 200 Owen Sound Street in Shelburne.

Ms. Smith sends out thanks to supporters and sponsors such as "Josh Oatman Customs for his ongoing help over the past almost two and a half years with weekly operations; Dufferin County Amazing Race for Charity; GVM System Integration; Shelburne Transporter; CHES 'one voice one team; Compass Church and the Wagstaff family; Ta'Pisani Farms; Stone Tree Naturopathic Clinic; Trinity United Church for the use of their facility; a few anonymous sponsors; and every single volunteer involved with Troupe-Adore who give their time and talents to help raise money for Soup Haus."

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Amber Alerts

There were a lot of complaints over the past year from people who weren't too happy about receiving Amber Alerts over their cell phone.

Apparently a few seconds of irritating sound isn't worth saving the life of a missing kid for some people.

An Amber Alert was issued again last week and did, most likely, save the life of a child.

Witnesses observed a boy being forced into a truck by two men while he screamed for help.

Police were called and a report taken. However, at the time they had no idea who the boy was. Since he was supposed to be in school his parents didn't know he was missing.

For reasons thus far unknown, the boy was never reported as missing from class, even though school board protocol dictates parents should have been notified by 11:00 a.m. The parents didn't receive notice that their child was missing until 6:00 p.m.

The school board is taking the error seriously, at least on a public level, and has placed four school staff members on 'home assignment' while they investigate why no one was notified that a boy was

missing. When the police finally figured out who the missing boy was, and verified that his absence met the criteria required for an Amber Alert, his face was posted all over social media and news reports.

This is something the kidnapers probably didn't count on. In the criminal world, thinking ahead is rarely a part of the plan. Kidnapping a child, even by criminal gangsters standards, is a low move.

We are led to believe by movies, and common lore, that gangsters and such associates don't mess with other's family members as some kind of general code of the streets.

Apparently these guys didn't get the memo or read the gangster's book of acceptable criminal conduct.

It turns out this kidnapping was part of some kind of revenge or intimidation as a result of a drug deal gone bad, the kidnapped boy's step-brother being the target and the innocent boy the pawn.

The step-brother beat it out of town – he knows who the kidnapers are and that they are looking for him.

In true criminal fashion, he would rather see his brother as a victim than 'rat out' the kidnapers to police.

Fortunately for the victim, the fact that the Amber Alert plastered his face all over the place meant the kidnapers had a big problem on their hands.

There is little doubt what would have happened to this kid if word of the kidnapping and his photo had not been made public. Drug dealers rarely have a sudden change of heart and release a victim unharmed.

In the end, the kidnapers dumped him in a barn in Brampton. Police aren't saying what happened to him while in captivity – and for good reason. He's a kid and he's been through enough.

The police are still looking for the kidnapers. All this happened over a drug debt, specifically a cocaine drug debt.

According to some reports, cocaine use is rampant in Canada. Some people are outright addicts while others enjoy a snort during their weekend party.

Cocaine is a drug that really doesn't slot into a particular demographic. It is used by people in all walks of life and all different ages.

In Canada, according to reports, it's cheap, at least in drug terms. It's around \$85 per gram here, compared to \$120 per

gram in the rest of the world.

The thing with recreational illegal drug users is they claim it's a victimless crime.

They pay for it and no one forces them to do it – so what's the harm?

Well, the harm is that a 14 year-old boy was kidnapped.

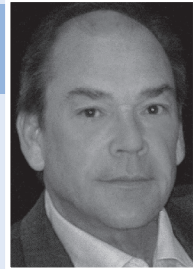
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It's a case of supply and demand. Drugs users want it, drug dealers supply it.

The illegal drug trade is a ruthless industry that relies on the vulnerable and the weak, and it is a highly lucrative trade – it is also deadly to lot of people.

In this case, it could have been a 14-year-old kid who paid the ultimate price because his step-brother chose a criminal lifestyle.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Editorial

Controversial or not, change is needed

Ontario's Amber Alert system is in dire need of a revamp. But likely not for the reasons you're thinking.

A quick social media search last week would have brought up hundreds, if not thousands of posts from people across Ontario chiming in with their thoughts, both positive and negative, on a system that was designed, and implemented for the sole purpose of saving lives. Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it?

So, how is it that something meant to only do good, can be so completely polarizing amongst the general public? We have more than a few suggestions.

First of all, when an Amber Alert is issued an immediate notification is supposedly sent out to all cell phones registered within the province the alert originates. So, let's take last week's example, when Toronto Police issued an alert shortly after midnight on Thursday (March 5) in an attempt to try and locate 14-year-old Shammah Jolayemi, who had been abducted early on Wednesday morning.

That alert, originating in Toronto, was, supposedly, sent out to all cellular devices and cable TV channels across Ontario. People who live in Thunder Bay, 1,400 kilometres away, received the alert. That doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

Amber Alerts, in our opinion, should be limited to territories, say within a 250 kilometre radius of the initial incident. That should, strictly speaking, only alert individuals capable of assisting in a search or investigation... Providing the initial alert is sent out in a timely fashion.

Which brings us to point number two. By the time last week's Amber Alert had been distributed, young Shammah had already been missing for the better part of 16 hours. While his school's failure to advise his parents he had been missing from school that day meant he wasn't reported missing until around 5:30 p.m., witnesses had apparently called police at the time of abduction and it shouldn't have taken police long to put the pieces together and figure out what, likely, had happened. Had an Alert gone out earlier in the evening, those within the vicinity would have had a much better chance of identifying the vehicle involved in the abduction.

Another issue with the current system is the apparent inconsistency in which messages are delivered to cellular devices. A quick poll in the Citizen office determined that not everybody received the Alert. Some received it twice. One person even received it three times. So, that begs the question, why isn't something that is so important correctly programmed so as to ensure every device that is supposed to receive the message receives it at the exact same time? It can't be a difficult code to master. Various scam artists, and spammers have been doing it for a

long, long time.

Now, for perhaps the most controversial of our suggestions. It's already been identified that the Alert system, in its current format, is polarizing. Right or wrong, there are those who are generally ticked off because the Alert has woken them up. While some will argue that, with a child's life on the line, waking up potentially millions of people is a small price to pay, we have seen it suggested that Alerts, such as the one that occurred last week, can have catastrophic impacts the next day.

"What if somebody is woken up by an Alert, is unable to get back to sleep and is then forced to drive into the city for work the next morning. What if that person falls asleep at the wheel and causes an accident..." – yes, that was one remark made to us during a community poll we conducted prior to writing this piece.

There's no evidence to suggest such a hypothetical instance has occurred, but it does raise the question, for some people, regarding whether these alerts, potentially, could do more harm than good.

On that front, we suggest a change in the way people are notified of Amber Alerts. Right now, a startling holy-crap style of alarm is used in an attempt to draw people's attention to their phones. We feel strongly that this system does not work.

Out of ten people polled following last week's alert, only one could correctly identify Shammah Jolayemi by name. Three people identified where Shammah had gone missing. Incredibly, and this is the most telling, nine of those polled admitted they didn't read the Alert when it first came in. Of those nine, five were still awake at the time the Alert was rolled out.

That, to us, suggests there's a major disconnect between what this system is, and what it's supposed to be. People, seemingly are ignoring Amber Alerts en masse. While that's absolutely not okay, it creates another problem in the sense that, if there is a major catastrophic emergency, in line with a natural disaster or impending nuclear doom, a lot of Ontarians, apparently, aren't going to know about it, because they have conditioned themselves not to worry when the holy-crap alarm goes off, as it's likely 'just another Amber Alert'.

That doesn't sit well with us, but it is the reality of the situation. That sound currently used for Amber Alerts, should probably be reserved for potentially large-scale catastrophic events.

Amber Alerts certainly have a place in today's society, and they have been proven to bring about positive outcomes in missing kid cases across the country. We simply feel there's work to be done if we are to improve the system moving forward.

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Written By MARNI WALSH

Reverend LeeAnn McKenna, of Mono, has worked to build bridges of peace in some of the most dangerous conflict areas of the world - including Latin America, Asia, India, Africa and the Middle East.

Her non-profit organization, Partera International, has been "midwifing change for a more peaceful world" for over 25 years. On March 28, her efforts will be supported by Dufferin County's own international Opera singer Mark DuBois and professional magician Steve Baker with "Music and Magic," a benefit concert at Westminster Church in Orangeville.

Renowned for his stunning lyric-tenor voice, Mark DuBois has performed on some of the greatest stages across the globe, and worked with the likes of famed director Hal Prince, and performed for the Queen, the Pope, and President Regan to name a few. While raising his family in Dufferin County, he began the Mark DuBois Studio Singers, where he has nurtured some of the finest vocalists in the country.

In reference to Partera, Mark DuBois told the Free Press, "The beauty of the world must be supported by us all; which means ending violence and oppression. LeeAnn McKenna believes in promoting peace, love and equality - I believe that these values are essential in our world, and I strongly believe in Partera's methods."

Reverend McKenna says, her message for this concert is one of peace. That peace there is, essentially, peace here.

"As human beings, we are in great need, perhaps as never before, of building skills in scaling barriers of unknowing - of race, gender, class, culture - if we are to survive the challenges of an unprecedented climate crisis, of mass migrations, increasing disparities of wealth and power, and a pervasive sense of anxiety and fear, fed by a growing incivility. We are not at our best, whether in families or workplaces or school grounds or societies when we are anxious and fear-filled. Every culture-crossing is fraught with potholes—and alive with possibilities for peace and collaborative action for all that is good."

Here in Dufferin County, Partera offers training, workshops, and interactive presentations for use in schools, community support organisations, health-care entities, faith communities, and more. Reverend McKenna's global goals for Partera in 2020, include working with South Sudanese refugees; working with members of civil society in Ecuador and the Philippines to build capacity for peace leadership; and providing training for peaceful conflict resolution in communities across eight islands in the Philippines.

Reverend McKenna told the Free Press,

"The greatest costs of these projects are the ones you don't see - the logistical support that makes training possible: laying the groundwork in advance; identifying people who are best prepared to take up the skills learned, and multiply them in the months and years following the trainings; transportation, lodging and food for all participants; venue rental; and learning materials."

She says, "Partera is very good at stretching dollars, and is usually able to cover all expenses and obligations to partners with just \$7,000 - laying the groundwork for peace to happen." She says, "Filling all the seats at "Music and Magic" on March 28th at Westminster Church would be wonderful." The funds from a full house would allow Partera "to inform partners that at least two of these projects can go ahead."

In support of the effort, Mark DuBois says his repertoire will be inclusive of Partera's belief in love and peace in the world, as well as laughter and joy.

"I will sing the bulk of the music, joined by some of my wonderful senior students who are already on a professional level," he says. "We will intertwine this music with some magic themes."

For his part, professional magician and actor, Steve Baker will perform interactive illusions, sleight of hand, Houdini-like escapes, and mentalism between musical sets.

"I will bring the magic of illusion and Mark will bring the magic of music," says the magician. "Most importantly, Partera brings the magic of love and compassion to those in need - wherever it is needed."

"Music and Magic," in support of Partera's peace building initiatives, will run one night only at Westminster United Church at 247 Broadway in Orangeville on Saturday, March 28th starting at 7 pm. Tickets are \$35 in advance by phoning or texting 416-436-3257 or \$40 at the door. Light refreshments available by donation.

Reverend McKenna hopes the community will buy tickets and tell neighbours, friends and family about the show.

"Consider support for something out there in the world somewhere," she says, "to be support for all of us right here, building civility, kindness, goodness, and a mutuality of understanding across bridges."



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

WORK FOR PEACE: "Music and Magic" a benefit for LeeAnn McKenna's (centre) peace building initiative Partera International with Opera singer Mark DuBois (left) and Magician Steve Baker (right) will play at Westminster United Church in Orangeville on March 28 at 7pm.

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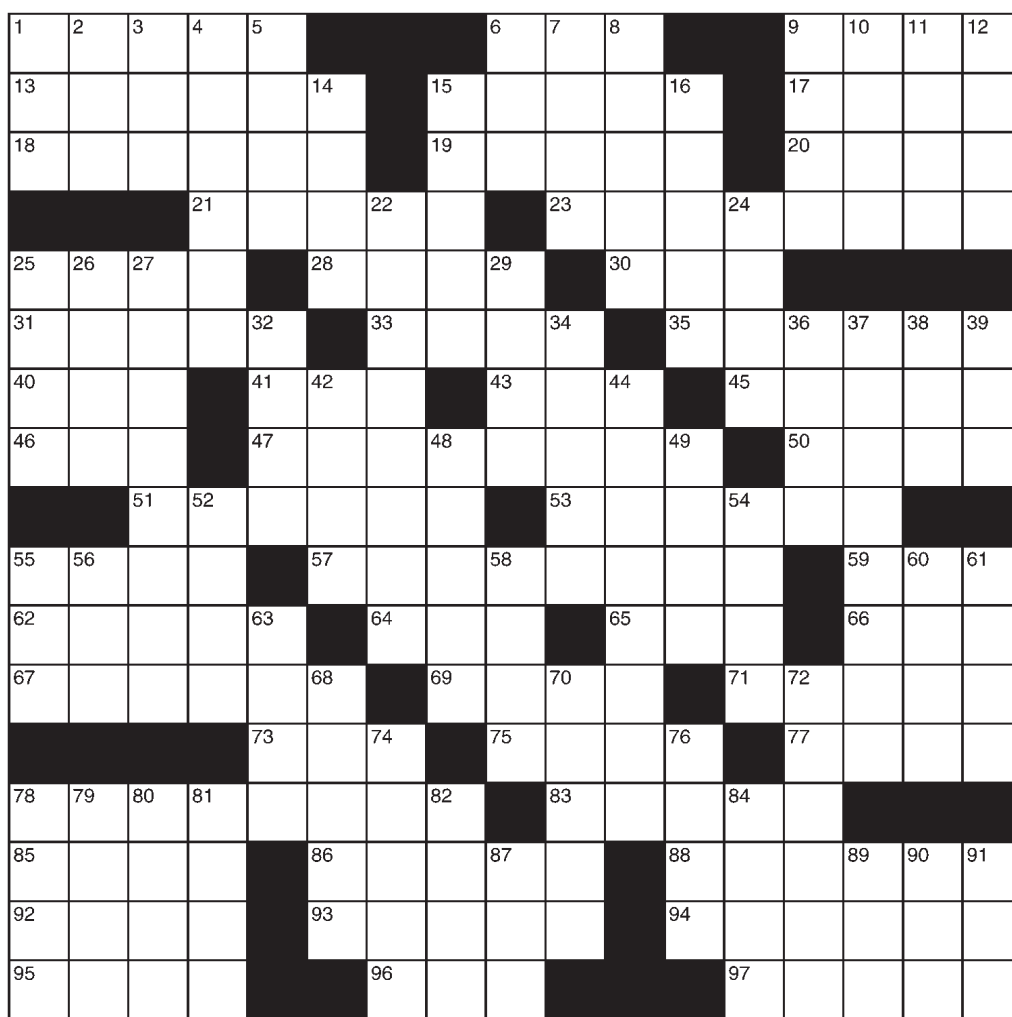
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- 15. Glide
- 17. Delayed
- 18. African nation
- 19. Madagascar tree-dweller
- 20. Allied by nature
- 21. The most
- 23. Look for gold
- 25. Wine sediment
- 28. Rosemary, for one
- 30. Sound of a punch
- 31. Should
- 33. Folk legends
- 35. Lavender
- 40. Away
- 41. Osaka clincher
- 43. Wood-chopping tool

- 45. Kind of eel
- 46. Male turkey
- 47. Choir director, usually
- 50. "Same ____, Next Year"
- 51. Acquire
- 53. Yell
- 55. Mentally healthy
- 57. Furniture joint
- 59. Physics measure
- 62. Cupcake topper
- 64. Reject
- 65. Night hours
- 66. Egg cells
- 67. Marble figure
- 69. Former Italian currency
- 71. Monet's stand
- 73. Spark
- 75. Meticulous
- 77. Dried up
- 78. Notorious
- 83. Apportioned

- 85. Standard
- 86. Bee bite
- 88. Furrowing machine
- 92. Bubbles
- 93. Creepy
- 94. Official witness
- 95. Aware of
- 96. Steep
- 97. Indian home

DOWN

- 1. Shaping tool
- 2. By way of
- 3. Belief
- 4. Take by surprise
- 5. Fastener
- 6. Friend or ____?
- 7. Light source
- 8. Seize
- 9. Tab
- 10. Huron, e.g.

- 11. Auricular
- 12. Enclosed
- 14. Thin slat
- 15. Cigar type
- 16. Scout group
- 22. Faith
- 24. Dog-paddled
- 25. Attic
- 26. Mediterranean currency, e.g.
- 27. "I" problem?
- 29. Type of muffin
- 32. Blow a horn
- 34. Have being
- 36. Roster
- 37. Evening ____
- 38. Skedaddle
- 39. Aperture
- 42. Tack's cousin
- 44. Lark
- 48. Blacksmith's tool
- 49. Barber's offering
- 52. Portable shelter
- 54. Threat's final word
- 55. Ann, to Abby
- 56. Perform on stage
- 58. Highway sign
- 60. Say it's so
- 61. Secluded valley
- 63. Agana's land
- 68. Notched
- 70. Line of hills
- 72. Shrewd
- 74. Prettier
- 76. Story
- 78. Scoop
- 79. Palindromic hour
- 80. Campus group, briefly
- 81. Bullets and bombs
- 82. Beget
- 84. Plunder
- 87. Young bug
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- 90. Previous to
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Private firm says local fire department could reclaim thousands through service charges

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Local Fire Chief Brad Lemaich and Chris Carrier, of the company Fire Marque, presented to Shelburne Council on Monday, with the pair indicating the municipality may be able to tap into an often forgotten about initiative that could bring in thousands of dollars.

Fire Marque is a Canadian company that recovers money from insurance companies for local fire department service charges from structural fires.

There are many things used in fighting a fire that are not reusable by the department. Things such as oil spill absorbents, foam, and even wear and tear on equipment. Most insurance company policies have money set aside in the policy to pay for department service charges, however they are not often relinquished. They can range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 or perhaps more, depending upon your policy.

As an indicator, under provincial legislation, fire departments are able to recoup

these fees for vehicular incidents, and Chief Lemaich stated that currently they collect between \$40,000 and \$60,000 annually. Fire Marque, collects these funds, from the insurance company and returns them to the fire department on a 30/70 split, with the department receiving the lions share. Chris indicated that the potential return for the fire department, could be in the millions of dollars over time. This obviously, would help reduce the cost of funding the department for the Town.

How the process works, is quite simple. The Fire Department submits a standard incident report to Fire Marque. Fire Marque then reviews it, contacts the insurance company involved and tries to recover the funds. If no funds exist, or if they are unable to recover money, the file is returned to the department and no bill is presented for the 30 percent. If money is recovered, 70 percent of it is returned to the fire department, which can then allocate those funds accordingly. The funds may be used for public education programs, firefighter training or capital pur-

chases. Since these funds are a natural part of the insurance policies, accessing them will not increase the insurance premiums and there are no deductible charges for this coverage.

As far as Fire Marque knows, they are the only company in Canada supplying this service and they have the experienced personnel and the experience to handle the job, Carrier says.

There is a famous quote from oil well firefighter Red Adair, which pretty much sums up this fact. It goes, "If you think hiring a professional is expensive, try hiring an amateur!" Insurance companies are not easy to deal with and most municipalities do not have the time, the staff or the expertise to do this job themselves. FireMarque currently service over 140 municipalities, with no complaints.

OPP costing report

In other business, CAO Denyse Morrissey gave her report on the OPP costing, stating that of the 11 steps outlined in the OPP guide to costing, Shelburne is currently at step four and expect to see a new costing presentation in May of this year.

Barring some unforeseen circumstance,

there will not be any consultants hired to review this costing. There will be a public consultation associated with this costing and the online engagement process will commence on March 23. It is expected that the public meeting will fall within two weeks of the presentation of the OPP costing.

Although Council has up to six months to respond to the costing, it is expected that they will not take that much time with this second costing process, as there is really no other alternative considering recent events.

In other news

Shelburne has recently received a Gold award for its new website, from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals.

The Town also received a letter of commendation from the Chief of Emergency Management in Ontario, for their total compliance with the guidelines of the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Finally, the EDC has asked Council to approve the appointment of Tammy Austen, Dories Bouma, Lorna Hashem and Dan Sample to the Shelburne EDC, which they have done.

Seeback condemns Bill C-7, wants improved palliative care funding for local residents

Written By MIKE BAKER

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has criticized the Liberal federal government for attempting to fast-track legislation that would change assisted-dying rules across Canada.

Late last month (on Feb. 24), Bill C-7, an act to amend the Criminal Code regarding Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), was tabled by Justice Minister David Lametti and Patty Hadju, Canada's Minister of Health. The proposed legislation repeals a requirement that a patient's death must be 'reasonably foreseeable', but still requires patients to have a 'grievous and irremediable medical condition'.

"If we have a mandated review of the legislation scheduled in June, what is the rush?" Mr. Seeback asked in the Commons. "My understanding is that there was only about two weeks of public consultation for this legislation. In my opinion, that is woefully deficient, given the gravity of the topic."

The government bill is in response to the current law's requirement that a natural death must be "reasonably foreseeable" or "incurable", which limits the 2015 Supreme Court of Canada ruling mandating assisted dying be made available to all adults with "grievous and irremediable" medical conditions. The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association challenged the constitutionality of the current law because it excludes people with long-term disabilities, and those with "curable" medical conditions whose only treatment options people may find unacceptable. The BCCLA argues these medical conditions should qualify under the court's definition of "grievous and irremediable".

The government's move follows hot on the heels of a decision by a Quebec Superior Court judge on Sept. 11, 2019, that it was unconstitutional to limit access to MAID to people nearing the end of their life. That ruling came into effect yesterday (March 11).

While he made his feelings known regarding Bill C-7, Mr. Seeback also condemned the Liberals for what he perceives to be a blasé approach at the federal level to palliative care services.

"The minister (Mrs. Hadju) has made comments in the House (on Feb. 27) espousing the great investments that are being made by the government in health care, but has not really talked about any specific investments with respect to palliative care."

Mr. Seeback reminded the House, and Minister Hadju, that Bill C-277, legislation that would call for the development of a framework on palliative care across Canada,



DUFFERIN-CALEDON MP KYLE SEEBACK

was passed by the previous Liberal government in 2017. Thus far, there has been little movement on that Bill. Included within that proposed legislation, Mr. Seeback explained, was a note that states a request for physician-assisted death cannot be truly voluntary if the option of proper palliative care is not available to alleviate a person's suffering.

"This was passed by Parliament, so if we are looking to expand the scope of medically assisted death without also expanding the availability of palliative care, we are doing an incredible disservice to Canadians, because the availability of palliative care in this country is poor at best," Mr. Seeback said.

He went on to reference his own personal experiences with the limited availability of palliative care resources when both of his parents were suffering with terminal illness. Mr. Seeback speculated that, for individuals who cannot access palliative care, a medically assisted death may appear as a far more attractive option – a feeling he strongly believes the federal government should be working to quash.

"When people do not have the option for proper palliative care, their consent for a medically assisted death is significantly in question. I am extraordinarily concerned by the lack of any plan, by the government, to deal with investments in palliative care," Mr. Seeback said.

Locally, both Hospice Dufferin and Bethell Hospice currently operate in our region. Bethell Hospice, located in Caledon, is a live-in facility with access to 10 beds, which Mr. Seeback notes is supposed to service a population of approximately 130,000 people. Hospice Dufferin operates programs out of the Edelbrock Centre in Orangeville, while also providing homecare services across the County. Both entities are responsible for fund-raising the vast majority of their annual budget.



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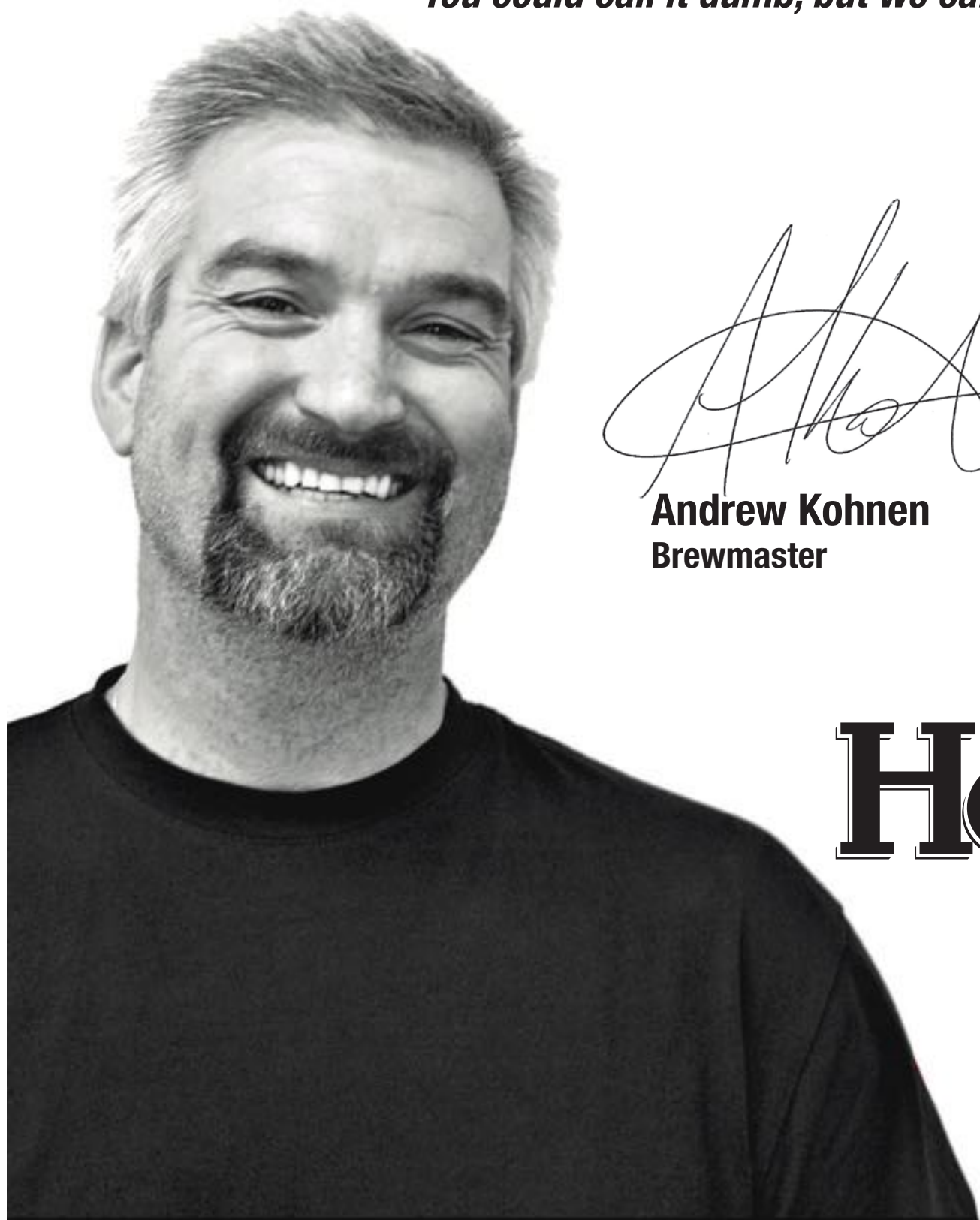


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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Centre Dufferin Royals send two basketball teams to CWOSSA

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It's not often a high school sends two championship basketball teams to regional competition at CWOSSA.

It is now two years in a row that Centre Dufferin High School in Shelburne sent both the junior and senior basketball teams to the competition.

Juniors

The Royals junior team had a stellar year going undefeated in ten games over the regular season.

The squad scored 696 points while allowing only 338 against giving them an almost 50 percent for / against average.

In the District 4 playoffs the Royals dispatched Emmanuel Christian High School

70 - 22 in the semi-final, then knocked out Westside Secondary School 86 - 36 in the final game to earn the District 4 title and earn the right to represent the region at CWOSSA.

At CWOSSA the Royals were up against the best teams from championship schools from around the region.

They gave up a 72 - 69 loss in their first game against Monsignor Doyle.

The squad rebounded in the next game with a 55 - 48 win over Glenview Park.

Making the semi-final round, the Royals advanced to the final with a 52 - 39 win over Our Lady of Lourdes.

In the final, the Royals were squeezed out with a 65 - 48 loss to Monsignor Doyle from Cambridge.

Monsignor Doyle will now advance to provincial competition at OFSSA.

A notable performance on the court came from Royals' forward, Aaron Cunningham, who was the top scorer in the CDDHS's first two games including a tournament highlight of being the top scorer with 47 points in the team's first game.

Cunningham's total sets a new school record for points in a game by a single player.

"The junior boys had a great CWOSSA tournament," said CDDHS junior coach Shane Trainor. "They played disciplined, high-level basketball in all four of their games. Unfortunately, we fell short against a very skilled and poised team from Monsignor Doyle out of Cambridge. Our boys showed a lot of maturity in the championship game, falling behind by as many as 18 points and finding a way to fight back and gain the lead in the fourth quarter. Foul trouble and some untimely missed shots ended up being the difference at the end of the game. The team appreciated the great leadership of Amari Jones and the incredible rebounding of Griffin Ladner. Myself and coach Chris Sales are extremely proud of the season that the junior boys had. We would like to thank the players, parents, and supporters throughout our very successful season."

Seniors

The Royals senior boys basketball team had a successful year winning all six regular

season games.

They won their semi-final playoff game with Norwell District Secondary School with a 70-35 home court win on February 19.

The District 4 championship remained in Shelburne when the Royals claimed the title with a 70 - 40 win over Wellington Heights Secondary School on February 24.

At CWOSSA the Royals came out on top in their first game with a 63 - 51 win over St. Davids.

Royals forward, Mark Taylor was top scorer for the game and the tournament with 26 points recorded in the game.

The second game saw the CDDHS team deliver a 79 - 29 win over Grey Highlands.

In the semi-final the Royals knocked out St. Mary's with a 67 - 54 win to earn the right to advance to the championship game.

In a tight battle, the Royals lost 48 - 42 in the final game.

"The boys battled hard and played together and for each other," said Royals coach, Matt Barlow. "Different players stepped up in different games. We had some great moments in the tournament but unfortunately came up short against a great team. The support we had of former students and players along with teachers coming to watch was very encouraging. Win or lose the boys are truly a family and although we came up short of our ultimate goal, the bond they have is forever."

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PLAYOFF WIN: The Shelburne Wolves Bantam rep team host the Oro Thunder on the ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, March 7. The Wolves are currently involved in league round-robin playoffs. The left left the ice with a 4 - 2 win in this game.

Wolves Bantams deliver playoff win over Oro Thunder

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With the minor hockey season nearly over, the Shelburne Wolves Bantam rep team is playing the final few games in a round-robin style playoffs.

The Wolves hosted the Oro Thunder on Saturday, March 7, in a game that was both highly skilled and highly spirited.

The Thunder got an early lead scoring at just one minute into the game.

The Wolves tied it up on a nice shot to the top corner of the Oro net.

A shot from the point made its way through the crowd in front of the net to give the Wolves a 2 - 1 lead.

It was a tie game when Oro scored with 23 seconds left in the second period.

The third period turned into an all-out battle to get the edge in the game and break the tie

The Wolves went ahead on a goal then got the insurance goal on an empty net when the Thunder put an extra attacker on the ice.

"It was a rough game, but we played good," said Wolves goalie Zach Baird after the game. "We got a lot of shots on net. On defense we cleared in front of the net pretty good."

The Wolves had loss to the Oro team the last time they played and there was some left over challenges still on the ice when the two teams battled it out.

There are only two weekends of minor hockey left this year as the playoffs wind down.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ROBERT HARRIS

As a third year goalie, Shelburne Wolves Peeewe rep net minder, Robert Harris, started out as a skater on the ice but made the switch when the position became open.

"My team needed a goalie and I said that I would do it. Ever since then I've been in goal," Robert said of how he got started in the position. "Sometimes you've got to put the team on your back and you are under a lot of pressure," he said of why he likes the position.

During the summer, Robert plays football and is a wide receiver with the Orangeville Outlaws Football Club.

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EDC and Shelburne Rotary team up to make a 'splash'

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Shelburne Economic Development Committee (EDC) has teamed up with the Shelburne Rotary Club for the EDC's Annual Golf Classic.

"When the EDC approached the Rotary Club to suggest the partnership, we jumped at the chance," says Rotary member Bobbi Ferguson.

The Annual Golf Classic has been running for over 17 years, and has always been organized by the EDC. However, "it was

becoming an event that needed more hands to insure its success," says Bobbi Ferguson. She says the partnership "seemed like a perfect fit because Rotary has a goal to earmark a significant amount of money for the Splash Pad and the sooner we raise the money, the sooner we have a splash pad in Shelburne." She says, "One hundred percent of the profits from the tournament will go to the Splash Pad, which finally has a home in Greenwood Park."

Sandra Gallagher, a Rotary member and a member of the Splash Pad Committee, says

she "hopes to fill the club house to a capacity 160 for this great cause."

The "Let's Make a Splash" EDC Rotary Golf Classic will be held on June 4th at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club located at 516423 County Rd. 124. Registration for the event will start at 11:30 am with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. It will be a best ball format. Historically, a nine hole tournament, "Let's Make a Splash" will be an eighteen hole tournament going forward. There will be golf, a steak dinner starting at approximately 6:00 pm, networking, prizes, a silent auction and

fun for all. This tournament is open to everyone who wants to help make a splash pad a reality in Shelburne.

The tournament team is looking for sponsors, silent auction items and swag bag items. Park 'n Play Designs is the 2020 Event Sponsor, and there are a number of sponsorship opportunities available, ranging from a table sponsor of \$100 to an event sponsor of \$2,000.

Anyone wishing to sponsor "Let's Make a Splash," or purchase tickets email edcrotarygolf@shelburne.ca or visit shelburne.ca.

There's lots going on over March Break at Shelburne Public Library

Only a few days left to buy tickets for our March Break events! Stop by YOUR Library to purchase tickets for Creature Quest, Dufflebag Theatre and Comic Juggler Craig. Tickets are \$3 each, or all three events for \$8.

Creature Quest will be visiting the Library on Tuesday March 17th, at 10am with an assortment of animal friends. Learn about what makes each of our animal and reptile visitors special, and learn about how we can protect their habitats. Tickets for this event are limited; buy soon to avoid disappointment.

This year "The Nearly World Famous" Duffle-Bag Theatre will be presenting Robin Hood at Grace Tipling Hall on Wednesday, March 18th at 10 am!

Visit and have the chance to become one of the stars of the show! This production is lively, engaging, and a hit for everyone in the family.

Comic Juggler Craig is back to visit us once again at Grace Tipling Hall on Thursday, March 19th at 10 am with his comedic juggling routine. If you can think of it, he can juggle it! This will be a show full of jokes and laughs.

We will be hosting the EarlyOn Centre for Fun With Science program on Friday, March 20th, from 10 am - 11:30 am. Please contact the library if interested, as registration is required and are limited!

Successful Seedy Sunday

Thank you to all who came out to our first Seedy Sunday. From other community orga-

nizations to patrons from near and far, it was clear connections were being made throughout the community. We loaned out over 190 packs of flower seeds, and almost 400 packages of vegetables and herbs! WOW! We're replenishing on a daily basis, so keep checking back for new varieties.

Teen Scene:

If you're looking for something to do over March Break, we've got a photography challenge just for Teens! Complete all of the photo challenges and you'll be entered to win a "pot of gold"! Pick up your challenges next week, and take the photos between March 14-18. For those less inclined to go outdoors, we've also

got a MarioKart Tournament planned over the March Break, so you won't want to miss that either.

*Registration required. You can register for upcoming events by emailing jwys@shelburnelibrary.ca, or registering at the circulation desk.

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, March 14th- Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt begins!
- Tuesday, March 17th, 4:00-5:00pm- MarioKart Tournament
- Thursday, March 19th, 8:00pm- Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt entries due
- Tuesday, March 24, DIY Planter, 4 - 5 pm

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