

# *A Message From* **Kyle Seeback, MP**

## **1. Internet data overage charges in rural areas**

When the government is asking Canadians to stay home to stop the COVID-19 spread, students are continuing their studies online, and millions are working from home, while trying to entertain and teach their kids, it is unacceptable to charge them extra for data overage.

I published a video where I am calling on Bell, Rogers, Telus and all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to stop data overage charges in rural communities during this crisis. I also sent letters to their CEOs with the same request. Watch the video at [bit.ly/stop-data-overcharge](https://bit.ly/stop-data-overcharge)

## **2. Canadians stuck abroad**

Repatriating Canadians is a complex matter given the extent of the COVID-19 crisis around the world. There are tens of thousands of Canadians stranded in hundreds of countries. If your friends or family members are stuck abroad, they need to register with Global Affairs Canada.

They can do it by telephone at +1 613-996-8885 (call collect where available) or email [sos@international.gc.ca](mailto:sos@international.gc.ca) or use this website [travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration). Once they have registered, they will receive notifications of repatriation flights. There are also loan programs to help with the costs of these flights.

## **3. If you or someone you know arrives in Canada after travelling abroad.**

If you have recently returned to Canada, you must self-isolate regardless of whether you have or do not have any symptoms. This is mandatory. Violating any instructions provided to you when you entered Canada could lead to up to six months in prison and/or \$750,000 in fines.

## **4. What support is available for seniors during the COVID-19 outbreak?**

The Government is reducing the required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25% for 2020.

If the seniors, who collect their pensions, lose their additional employment income due to the COVID-19 crisis, I encourage them to contact my office as they might be eligible for the CERB.

## **5. What has been done to help students with their loans?**

Student loan repayment will be suspended until September 30th, 2020. Interest will not be charged to borrowers on their student loans from March 30th, 2020 to September 30th, 2020. If your loan was issued by Ontario, this applies to both the federal and provincial portions of your student loan.

## **6. Is there any Mortgage relief?**

All bank customers who are currently in good standing and have been impacted by COVID-19 can apply for mortgage relief from their bank. Customers will answer a few questions to help their banks direct applications appropriately.

COVID-related mortgage deferral is available for an indefinite period and customers do not face a deadline for needing to seek relief. Canadians can approach their bank as the need arises.

## **7. What about the filing due date for 2019 income tax returns?**

For individuals (other than trusts), the return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020. However, the Agency encourages individuals who expect to receive benefits under the GSTC or the Canada Child Benefit not to delay the filing of their return to ensure their entitlements for the 2020-21 benefit year are properly determined.

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## Dufferin-Caledon



### **1. Can I apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to receive \$2,000 a month for up to four months?**

The CERB is available to Canadians:

- residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- who have stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) regular or sickness benefits;
- who had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and
- who are or expect to be without employment or self-employment income for at least 14 consecutive days in the initial four-week period.

### **2. How can I apply for CERB?**

CERB began receiving applications as of April 6, 2020.

There are two ways to apply:

- Online with CRA My Account - [bit.ly/applyforCERB](https://bit.ly/applyforCERB)
- Over the phone with an automated phone service at 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041

### **3. What happens after I apply for the CERB?**

If you are eligible for the CERB, you can expect \$2,000 (\$500 per week) for a 4-week period. It is a single payment for a 4-week period.

If your situation continues, you can re-apply for a payment for multiple 4-week periods, to a maximum of 16 weeks (4 periods)

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### **4. What is Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and how can it help businesses and organizations?**

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would apply at a rate of 75% of the first \$58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to \$847 per week. The program would be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020. Eligible employers including businesses, registered charities and non-profit organizations who suffer a drop in gross revenues of at least 15% in March, April or May, when compared to the same month in 2019, would be able to access the subsidy.

### **5. What is the Canada Emergency Business Account?**

The Canada Emergency Business Account will provide interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits, to help cover their operating costs during a period where their revenues have been temporarily reduced. To qualify, these organizations will need to demonstrate they paid between \$50,000 to \$1 million in total payroll in 2019.

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**STOP TAKING ADVANTAGE:** Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback is calling on Canada's major telecommunications companies to stop issuing data overage charges to rural residents during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The local politician described the actions of companies such as Rogers, Bell and Telus as 'un-Canadian' in a recent interview with the Free Press. For the full story, see Page 5.

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## COVID-19 claims 3 more local lives, outbreaks declared at Shelburne retirement/care homes

Written By MIKE BAKER

Three elderly residents living in Shelburne retirement homes have died this week as the community comes to grips with two further outbreaks of COVID-19 in the area.

After an outbreak of the highly contagious virus was declared at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville on March 31, two retirement homes in Shelburne – Dufferin Oaks long-term care home and Shelburne Residence Retirement and Nursing Home have this week announced outbreaks of their own.

On Monday, it was revealed that two residents of Shelburne Residence had died after contracting COVID-19. This followed news that a Dufferin Oaks resident had passed away sometime over the Easter long weekend.

While the County, as stewards of Dufferin Oaks, has yet to make a statement regarding the death, statistics updated on their website daily state that there have been three residents, including the deceased, and five staff members test positive for COVID-19 in recent weeks. In total, 58 residents have been tested at the home, with 18 coming back negative and 37 currently under investigation. Statistics pertaining to confirmed cases at

Shelburne Residence were not available as of press time.

This brings the death total in Dufferin County to four. It was revealed last week that a 64-year-old Orangeville man, now identified as John Braaksma, was the first casualty in the area, passing away on April 7. John was a popular figure in the community, working at Hallmark Toyota for more than a decade, where he was known as the operator of the dealership's community shuttle service.

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have, once again, seen a significant increase over the past week. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health is reporting 162 individuals within its service area have contracted COVID-19, with 55 of those cases occurring in Dufferin County. As of press time, 37 of those cases have been resolved. A further 43 cases have been confirmed in Caledon, as reported by Peel Public Health.

There have been four new confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Headwaters hospital since last week. Two patients and two staff members tested positive for the virus since April 9, bringing the overall total of those infected at the hospital to 28 – 12 patients and 16 staff members. The COVID-19 Assessment Centre, located outside the hospital, has now been visited 2,448 times as of Wednesday.

Tests have been carried out on 1,136 individuals to date.

Looking at stats worldwide, according to the website Worldometer, there are a little over 2 million COVID-19 cases as of noon on Wednesday (April 15). In total, 129,960 people have died as a result of the virus, with 496,562 individuals making full recoveries. Canada is now ranked 12th in terms of total cases among individual nations, with 27,557 cases. As of press time, there have been 954 fatalities nationwide since March 9. Here in Ontario, 7,953 individuals have contracted COVID-19, with 2,574 making full recoveries and 274 individuals passing away.

Frontline workers at Headwaters hospital continue to work through the pandemic. Lori Ker, Chair of the Headwaters Health Care Centre Board of Directors reserves special thanks for the hundreds of local heroes who continue to put themselves in harm's way in the face of this global pandemic.

"These are unprecedented times. Seemingly overnight our world changed dramatically, not only in the dangers we face but in how kindness, compassion, empathy and professional dedication have risen to new heights," Ms. Ker said.

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# New face at the helm of Headwaters Communities in Action

Written By MARNI WALSH

On April 1, Mono resident Jennifer Payne succeeded Shirley Boxem as the Executive Director of Headwaters Communities in Action.

Serving as director since 2013, Ms. Boxem is credited with strengthening the community improvement organization and its partnerships by creating and developing new projects throughout her tenure.

As the new leader of HClA, Ms. Payne brings a wealth of knowledge to the role, with her business degree and years of dedication to the HClA organization in which she supported the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance and co-founded and coordinated the highly successful Farm to School Program.

In a press release, Diana Morris, Co-Chair of the HClA Leadership Council thanked Shirley Boxem for her years of dedication and leadership, and asked the community to welcome Jennifer Payne as the new Executive Director.

Raised in Saint John, New Brunswick, Jennifer Payne says she developed her country ties "growing up at the end of a rural road, with a forest as my back yard, and trails connecting neighbourhoods where my friends lived." She moved to the Violet Hill area nearly 20 years ago to marry her husband Mark and raise their, now 13 year old, twin girls on a 10-acre property - part of which is Niagara Escarpment Commission protected land.

Ms. Payne says she first became aware of HClA with the launch of the original Community Wellbeing Report and the Local Food Summit held in 2012.

"It was so eye-opening for me, this whole world of local food specifically, and the con-

nections to health, environment, culture, equity, economy and more. Then discovering all the linkages to the broader community-building movement, and having real local stats and research to refer to, just brought the bigger picture into focus," Ms. Payne said.

She added, "How we live together as communities and how neighbours work together intentionally to build a sense of place and belonging, to solve problems and take action, to make sure everyone is looked after while celebrating what is great about where we live - it's just a beautiful thing,"

It seemed to Ms. Payne, that HClA provided "scaffolding and credibility by connecting local projects through national and global initiatives like the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and the UN Sustainable Development Goals."

She says, "It felt like important work that I wanted to be part of in some way."

Her various roles with Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance gave her "the opportunity to work with a team of passionate and creative people, to learn through trial and error, research and networking, and build something from the ground up that addresses a need in the community and has become well-loved (the Farm to School Programs)," she told the Free Press.

"I have attended conferences, countless webinars and done my own research into not-for-profit/charitable sector topics like governance, fundraising and finance, community engagement and campaigns. I am self taught in graphic design and website building and management, as well as various software and web tools that are useful in this work. You might say I'm a grassroots graduate, where my community work is concerned," she added.

Ms. Payne says she loves being a part of a team that takes action on important issues in the community.

"I'm very excited to now be working more closely with the impressive team of community leaders on the HClA Leadership Council, with our amazing project leads and committees, our funders and our extended family of community connections and partner networks," she said.

"My mandate and goals in this role will be set based on the stated needs and priorities of our communities. These have certainly changed in the past couple of months, and will continue to evolve as we move out of the current response phase and into recovery and rebuilding. We are due to revisit our strategic plan at HClA and will set goals and action plans then, including supports for our existing projects and consideration of new programming needs."

In any case, she says, "strong communications and web presence will be key" as she moved forward in her new role.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

NEW DIRECTOR: Jennifer Payne succeeded Shirley Boxem as the Executive Director of Headwaters Communities in Action (HClA) on April 1st. She brings a business degree and years of dedication to HClA.

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"Locally, we are 'One Community Caring Together, supporting each other and the hospital and supporting our care providers in any way we can," Ms. Ker continued. "There is wide recognition that everyone on the Headwaters team is going above and beyond in their everyday dedication to provide excellent care for the community."

She added, "The Headwaters board recognizes the exemplary service of all of our staff and physicians during this pandemic and we are deeply grateful. We know that a strong hospital is a key pillar of a thriving community, and that Headwaters is strong because of the courage and collaboration of all staff and health care providers."

"Thank you for your outstanding service, taking on extra hours, extra shifts, extra responsibilities and extra precautions to maintain Headwaters as a shining example of exemplary care despite the increased risk that you all must endure. Each of you is an inspiration to our community for your dedication and selfless teamwork," Ms. Ker said.

While much of Ontario remains on an unofficial lockdown, with only essential services open for business and residents encouraged to stay home as much as possible, there has been indications south of the border that U.S. President Donald Trump is itching to instill a sense of normalcy in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was reported last month that President Trump hoped the country would "return to normal" in time for Easter.

With the Easter weekend now having passed, and no such measures taken, many are wondering how much longer Trump will maintain the status quo. Here in Canada, there has been little indication, by either the federal or provincial government, that we are anywhere close to lifting emergency measures implemented last month. The federal government is offering financial aid to businesses and residents as far ahead as June, while the Ontario government passed a bill this week to extend the province's state of emergency until May 12.

"No doubt there is a long journey ahead before we emerge from this pandemic, and it will take all of us to care for each other," Ms. Ker said. "Everyone on the Headwaters

team, from support workers to health care providers, community partners and administrators, is making a critically important contribution to the care of the community at this extraordinary time."

She concluded, "You, the staff, are truly the heroes in the face of this ruthless pandemic."



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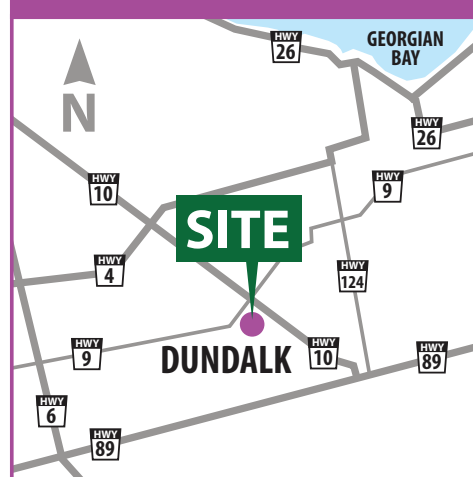
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Giving back

There won't be any tasty ribs at the Orangeville Ribfest this summer. The Rotary Club of Orangeville has announced that due to the current situation, planning the event has become next to impossible.

Ribfest is the main fundraiser for the Orangeville branch of the Rotary Club so they definitely will be feeling the loss.

Already cancelled this year was the Home and Garden Show sponsored by the Orangeville Lion's Club.

This was another event that was well attended and brought in big bucks for the Lions.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District had to cancel their annual Bowl for Kids Sake event that they hold every spring.

The event raises around a third of their annual operating budget.

The same situation will be true for every town across this province.

So what do all these organizations have in common?

They all put the funds they raise and their resources back into the community by funding different projects, activities, and by helping local people.

If you have been following the list of annual events that have now been cancelled due to the corona virus pandemic

you will know the list is long - and growing.

The popular Orangeville Blues and Jazz festival, one of my personal favourites has been cancelled.

Organizers explained that the festival takes month of planning and not having the ability to work together to get the festival organized made it impossible to continue.

Also cancelled is the Celebrate Your Awesome event, which celebrates all different lifestyles and people. It is a smaller festival but it is still a lot of fun and growing every year.

There are probably more events that have been cancelled that I'm not aware of, or even others that will still be cancelled during the summer that are currently perched precariously on a scale of 'do we plan ahead, or not?'

All these festivals provide income for the town. With thousands of people turning out on festival days from both the region and other towns and cities, they pump a lot of cash into the the local economy when visiting.

All that money is going to be missed by both local businesses and organizations.

When this current situation is over, maybe we all can help recoup some of

the losses.

Playgrounds don't magically appear. Sports venues don't spring up on their own.

Many of the popular places in our region are there because service clubs and supporting sponsor organizations raise the needed funds through their activities including festivals of different kinds.

There is an old saying that 'charity begins at home.'

There is a lot of truth to that. You can't help the world until you have your own house in order. When your own house is crumbling, you have to fix it and keep your family safe before you work on your neighbor's home.

We can't let our world crumble due to this setback. Sooner or later, hopefully sooner, we will be back to normal.

So maybe when this current chaos is over we can all take a look at our own personal situation and vow to give back a little to support all those causes that have been put on hold.

For the most part, organizations that support local causes utilize their funds in the most appropriate and worthwhile fashion.

You won't see the president of the local Lions Club outfitting his new boat with Club funds. Members are all volunteers

and spend their time working on projects and making the community a better place.

That goes with pretty much every local service organization that channels its efforts and funds toward improving the community and creating new projects that benefit us all.

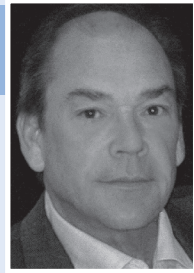
Maybe you've saved a few bucks on gas because you've been working at home and haven't had to make your daily commute. Maybe you've discovered a few ways to save money while battling through this current situation.

It doesn't take much from one single person if everyone bands together and throws a few dollars into the pot.

You can help build that next community project or contribute to ensure a kid has a mentor that will help them through difficult times.

If you were planning on attending the Ribfest or any other festival with the family and spending money on dinner, rides, and nick-nacks at the vendor booths, you could contribute that money or part of it to the organization where you would have been enjoying yourself.

Every little helps.



BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

Editorial

Is second term for Trump inevitable?

AS MATTERS STAND, two things appear to be inevitable: former U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden's nomination as the Democratic party's presidential candidate and his loss next November to the incumbent, Donald Trump.

Mr. Biden's nice-guy image might see him do better than Hillary Clinton, but his age and tendency to obfuscate leave him no match for the bluster of Mr. Trump, who has managed to achieve an approval rating in recent polls of about 43 per cent, a lot better than he scored a year or so ago, when the rating was just slightly over 30 per cent.

Historians will certainly fault the Trump administration for its failure to respond quickly to the threat posed by the COVID-19 outbreak in China, the single move being to halt flights from China.

This week's latest move by the president was to halt U.S. funding of the World Health Organization in the midst of the pandemic, on grounds it has mismanaged the crisis and favours China.

That was a classic move by a politician who has never been able to acknowledge having made a mistake and now blames WHO, China, U.S. stage governors and the "fake news" media for the fact that as of Wednesday more than 26,000 Americans have been killed by the same virus that has reportedly taken just 3,342 lives in China and 225 and 146, respectively, in South Korea and Japan.

There seems little doubt that authorities in South Korea and Japan got no earlier warning than their colleagues in the U.S. The big difference seems to be the earlier actions both countries took, particularly in massive testing for the new virus.

While all this was taking place, little or nothing was heard from the Biden camp, the main developments being the withdrawal of Bernie Sanders as the only other contender and more recently the public endorsement of Mr. Biden by his old boss, former president Barack Obama, which hardly came as a surprise.

Yet to be finally decided is whether or whether the Democrats will hold their nominating convention, the current expectation being that it will be in mid-August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with only a tiny fraction of the normal number of delegates attending in the circumstances and Mr.

Biden as certain to win the nomination. But back to the original question: is a Trump victory in the November presidential election a virtual certainty?

We think so, unless something happens that is likely unprecedented in U.S. politics, and Joe Biden withdraws as a candidate, perhaps citing personal reasons such as his doctor's advice.

Should that happen, the door would be open for a candidate who has a better chance of beating Mr. Trump. And while at one point there were more than 20 men and women seeking the party's nomination, none of them would fit the bill.

Indeed, there is only one politician we see as having the ability, and he has persistently denied any interest in taking the job.

But he is a lot younger than Joe Biden and has demonstrated an ability to deal capably in the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak. And unlike Mr. Biden he has been enjoying a high profile, with daily televised press conferences in Albany, N.Y., with the state's top health officials.

Andrew Cuomo, 61, has been governor of New York State for nine years and would likely have no difficulty in retaining that office if he so wished.

Unlike Mr. Trump, whose background was in real estate and television, Mr. Cuomo comes from a political dynasty, his late father having served three terms as the state's governor, and perhaps because of this he has thus far made few mistakes.

During his governorship, he oversaw passage of a law legalizing same-sex marriage; creation of the United States Climate Alliance, a group of states committed to fighting climate change by following the terms of the Paris Climate Accords; passage of the strictest gun control law in the U.S.; Medicaid expansion; a new tax code that raised taxes for the wealthy and lowered taxes for the middle class; paid family leave; an increase in the minimum wage; wage equality; and legislation legalizing medical marijuana.

Should a miracle happen and a "draft Cuomo" campaign be launched, Mr. Trump would have good reason to be fearful.



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# Community spirit renewed in Shelburne over Easter weekend

Written By MARNI WALSH

The indefatigable spirit of Shelburne residents rose and was renewed Easter weekend when the community came together to celebrate both its heroes and its little ones.

On Good Friday, Cst. Jeff McLean and Sgt. Mark Bennett of the Shelburne Police Service organized a drive by parade to express thanks and respect to every employee working under the pressure of the COVID-19 pandemic while caring for the residents of Dufferin Oaks and Shelburne Residence.

"We wanted to show how much we appreciate the dedication and commitment of not only these frontline healthcare workers but all staff at these facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic," Police Chief Kent Moore told the Free Press. "Each day these workers are attending a high risk environment to care for our community's most vulnerable. I know they do a great job on a regular basis, but there is no doubt the past few weeks have been extremely hard for them and this was just one small way we could say thank you."

The Chief reports, "What started out to be a small parade of approximately ten vehicles ended up with approximately ninety vehicles including police, fire, paramedics and many of our citizens. It was very touching to see our community come together in a time like this."

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, who also took part in the parade, says he "was hon-

oured to join with a number of first responders and residents who paid tribute to frontline workers on Friday morning. It was an emotional experience to say the least and I was heartened to see such an overwhelming turnout."

Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson says, "The type of community and character of our residents was once again on full display this past weekend starting with the street parade, led by our first responders, to thank all the workers and residents of both Dufferin Oaks and Shelburne Residence. Shelburne is being Shelburne and I am proud to represent this Town. At a time when we are inundated with bad news, it feels good to see people wanting to make a positive difference."

Deputy Mayor Anderson says he is "proud to say that many others have stepped up to the plate, such as Coun. Lindsay Wegener with her creative Easter Egg Hunt, and Sadie's Sweet Boutique providing first responders and residents in long-term care with cup cakes to lift their spirits. I also want to say a big thank you to many others in the community that are making homemade masks and face shields for our frontline workers."

Coun. Lindsay Wegener says beautiful weather Sunday afternoon "brought out many community members walking to enjoy fresh air" for Shelburne's first Social Distancing Easter Egg Hunt.

"My family and I choose to drive around town so we could cover as much ground as possible." She says those who participated



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EASTER EGG HUNT: Tanya and Al Weese and their children Logan, Layla, and Wyatt did a great job decorating their home for Shelburne's Social Distancing Easter Egg Hunt last weekend.

"had wonderful displays of creativity. Large painted eggs in windows and on doors some in gardens and even hanging from trees. The community spirit was alive and I had some positive comments from those that walked around town and witnessed the displays."

On Sunday, costumed walkers and police cruisers made the rounds to wave at families who cheered from their porches. First Avenue resident, Karren Wallace says,

"the neighbour kids loved it, as well as my 82 year old mother who has compromised health and as such can't be out and about. It made her day."

"In a time of crisis, we get a chance to see what people and a community is all about," says Deputy Mayor Anderson. "In Shelburne, it is clear for the world to see that we are stronger together."

## MP Kyle Seeback wants internet providers to waive overcharge fees for rural residents

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

"I am calling on Bell Canada, Rogers, TELUS and all internet service providers to stop data overcharges in rural communities during this crisis," stated MP Kyle Seeback in a recent YouTube video, calling out major internet companies for overcharging data payments for those living in rural and remote areas.

The Dufferin-Caledon MP has written letters to all of the CEOs of the large telecom companies, urging them to waive overcharge fees in rural areas.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, families, students, parents and many other residents are either working remotely from home or are simply not working to help flatten the curve of positive cases in North America. This being said, many residents have informed Mr. Seeback of their internet and cellphone bills reaching an all-time high, during the worst possible time.

"The COVID-19 crisis has been tough on all of us. I know many of us are at home all day, by ourselves or with our families. I've been getting a lot of emails recently though, about people in rural and remote communities complaining about the high cost of their cellphone and wireless internet bills," he stated in his video. "Right now, customers living in the rural parts of my riding, are getting bills in excess of \$500, \$600 and even \$900."

Mr. Seeback has yet to hear back from the service providers but plans to follow up this week.

"I think the answer I'm getting right now from the telecoms is that they're worried that in rural areas, with capacity issues, and if they

make it free, that too much might be used and it will affect the ability of first responders and others to get signals," he explained. "Unfortunately, for me that rationale just doesn't cut it. Charging people extra doesn't actually necessarily stop them from using. Throttle the speed. At certain points, if the system is getting over capacity, don't send someone a bill for \$900, in the middle of a pandemic."

Mr. Seeback calls out the large telecoms in his video, stating that other companies have stepped up to do the right thing. Now, Seeback believes it's high time the telecommunication giants do the right thing, going so far as to call their actions thus far "unCanadian".

In March, Rogers committed to waiving

long-distance fees and removing data usage caps for Canadians until May 30. They've recently extended the commitment until June 30.

"As this public health situation continues to evolve, we're focused on keeping our customers connected to what matters most to them," said Joe Natale, President and CEO of Rogers Communications in a recent news release. "Whether that's staying in touch with loved ones, being connected for digital learning, working from home in new ways or staying informed and entertained, we are here to help."

So, why are those in rural areas still getting overcharge fees? Mr. Seeback plans to find out.

Urban areas are constantly seeing upgrades to create better and more sufficient service, with many rural areas still lagging way behind.

"I know this is a burning issue in our riding. I certainly heard about it quite a lot, and we have to try to find some solutions. For example, you drive across Mayfield Road, and you drive 10 minutes and you go from great internet to bad internet, and it makes no sense to me," he said. "I just fundamentally disagree that telecom companies should be investing in 5G technology in urban centers, before they have provided adequate rural internet."

For more information please visit [kyleseeback.ca](http://kyleseeback.ca) on upcoming works or visit MP Kyle Seeback's Facebook page for more updates.

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Time to consider alternative ideas to replace summer sports

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It may be time to start considering some alternative activities for your children this summer.

If your kids usually sign up for summer league sports, there is now a good chance that many leagues are going to write off the season.

We are now moving into the months where pre-season tryouts normally start for rep teams in baseball, soccer and lacrosse.

The tryouts for rep have all been put on hold, with no real estimate of when they could resume.

Even regular house league activities are at a stand still.

While league executives would normally

be putting teams together and working on a schedule, they have not been allowed to meet to hash things out.

Some leagues may attempt to start up during the summer with a shortened season however leagues that are dependent on arenas to play their sport will have to wait until municipalities decide it is safe to once again open the facilities to the public.

The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex is currently closed with no estimate of a date that it may re-open as of yet.

That includes the pool at the Recreation Complex.

The Complex Facebook page states "the CDRC is going to delay swimming lesson / program registration to a later date. More information will be posted over the coming weeks as to when registration will be open on-line."

With so much uncertainty, some summer programs have already been cancelled as organizers can't plan ahead.

"We were going to hold a summer camp for two weeks in July," said Greg Verner, president of the Orangeville Hawks Basketball

Club. "Ontario Basketball has cancelled all of their summer programs. I feel sorry for the kids - we had three or four teams that were going to do well at the provincials."

Basketball was put on hold before the end of their season. At first it was hoped they could resume play after a break, but now that won't happen.

"From a basketball standpoint, the Orangeville Hawks are done for the season," Mr. Verner said. "We had to stop when they closed the schools, so since before March break. Our oldest group of boys would have still been playing at the end of May and the beginning of June."

Many leagues and sports groups have not made decisions on summer camps at this point and are waiting to see how things shake out before deciding whether they can produce a viable program during the summer.

However, if your plan was to enroll a child in a summer sports camp, it may be wise to look for alternatives just case those programs don't take place this year.

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## Jr. A Northmen keeping active despite shutdown, switch to solo physical training

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

For lacrosse players heading into their final season of Junior A competition, best case scenario would mean a late start to this year's schedule, allowing them to play even if it is an abbreviated season.

The worst case scenario is they could lose their final year altogether if things are delayed enough that the league executive finally has to call off the season.

While there is currently no organized lacrosse training going on anywhere, players have adjusted by training on their own while they wait it out.

For Jr. A Northmen veteran, Dustyn Pratt, keeping a stick in his hand and maintaining his physical conditioning is a key part of training while things are at a standstill. He's heading into his fifth season with the Northmen A team.

Dustyn has been busy with the Rochester Knighthawks of the NLL during the winter so it's not like he's been away from the sport for a long period.

"We haven't had any updates for now," Dustyn said of the pre-season. "All I know is our pre-season try-outs have been cancelled. Our first training camp was going to be in the first week of April. Our coach reached out and let us know that all camps will be cancelled until further notice. It's a waiting process right now, but I'm sure that there will be an update soon that the season is going to be cancelled or pushed to a later date."

Keeping in shape is necessary for players during the off-season.

"There are lots of ways to stay in shape," Dustyn said. "Now that you can't go in the gym, because they're all closed too, there's a lot of at-home workouts. Mainly the biggest thing is to always keep a stick in your hand. If you can find a wall, you can play a little wall ball. And going out for runs, that's a big thing. You can do things like sprints."

Playing in the NLL has kept his skills current.

"That has been a lot of experience for

me going into my fifth year of Junior A. I'm playing with a lot of guys that are older and stronger and have been playing the game a lot longer. That has helped a lot with my game sense. I was playing there all winter."

Teammate, and team captain, Zach Deacon, is poised to enter his fourth season with the A team after first playing with the Northmen Junior B team.

He keeps active in the sport during the winter months playing Division 1 field lacrosse with his team at Jacksonville University in Florida, where he attends school.

"I have a couple of buddies and we go to the school behind my house and throw the ball around for a bit," he said of keeping his arm in shape. "On my own I'll do a home workout three or four times a week. I also do a bit of running."

As far as putting a team together in a shortened amount of time for this season, Zach said he's not worried, remaining confident that they will have a competitive team once the season gets underway.

"We have a core group coming back from last year. Bruce (Codd, head coach) knows the league and all the players. He'll know who he wants by the time the season rolls around and he'll have it all figured out."

Zach said a shortened season means the team will just play that much harder to achieve a good place in the standings.

"It will have a little bit of an effect," he said. "We normally plan on winning at home, and with that we would have less home games and only see certain teams at away games. I think everyone will be super excited just to get back to playing and I don't think it would matter too much where we're playing. We come out to play, no matter where we are."

Currently there have been no recent updates from the Ontario Junior A Lacrosse League regarding potential start-up dates for pre-season events or any kind of League schedule.

The League executive, like every organization is waiting to see how the current situation plays out before making on decisions on the 2020 season.

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# Shelburne Public Library News

## During our Closure

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## Great Divide Challenge

If you haven't had a chance to check out the leaderboard, head over to our Facebook page ([shelburnelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/shelburnelibrary)) or Instagram (@ShelburneONLibrary) to see who was in the lead at the beginning of this week. Our leader from last week logged over 140,000 steps! Amazing! You can still email in last week's steps to [jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca), and we look forward to seeing the steps you have put in this week!

## Teen Scene

The photos from our second Teen Photography Challenge are now uploaded in a new album on our Facebook page, so head there and check them out! Our new winner for this challenge is Kailyn!

We will be launching a brand new photog-

raphy challenge in the coming days, which will be found on our Facebook and Instagram pages! This time we are going to have just 1 prompt, but encourage participants to take multiple photos for it. Each new photo will count for an entry. Stay tuned for details! If Teens have private social media accounts (as we encourage), we ask parents to post on behalf of their Teens and tag the Library, or send them via email to [jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca). The winner will once again win a \$25 gift card! Don't forget—all of these prompts can be completed around your own home, while maintaining a safe physical distance from others!

## Children's Programs

Your Library is finding creative ways to bring you Children's Library programming! This now includes printables with our LIVE programming.

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Each Tuesday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm we will be streaming "Tween the Page Book Club Live from Facebook and Instagram. Together we are reading Holes by Louis Sachar, and completing activities at home after each read-aloud. If you miss the stream - no worries! We are posting our readings on our YouTube page. Visit our Facebook page to grab the link.

Every Wednesday we are posting a brand new LEGO Build Challenge online!

Need some new ideas for your homeschooling schedule? Take a look at our Online Resources page. There are several resources to work into your at home schedule.

Interested in keeping up to date with the Children's Library? Email [children@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:children@shelburnelibrary.ca) and we will sign you up to our email list.

# County offering financial support for local agencies during pandemic

Written By MIKE BAKER

The County of Dufferin is asking for public feedback as it looks for ways to assist community service organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a release to media last week, County staff say they are looking into ways to financially assist some of the community's most vulnerable people during these trying times. This follows hot on the heels of recent announcements from both the federal and provincial governments, who themselves are making money available to those who need it most.

On March 18, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the federal government would be making around \$157.5 million available to municipalities to support people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 outbreak. Ontario Premier Doug Ford followed that up with an announcement of his own on March 23, committing \$200 million in social services relief funding to protect the health and safety of the province's most vulnerable residents.

"To access the new funding to address COVID-19, the guiding principle will be to assist with anything that would improve the capacity of service providers to serve the most vulnerable," the County release reads.

Money would be made available to residents looking to secure additional accommodation to reduce overcrowding in homeless shelters, seeking to purchase supplies and materials to reduce the risk of transmis-

sion of COVID-19, such as personal protective equipment, and enhancing cleaning services or increasing the frequency of cleaning with disinfectants in high traffic areas.

The County is also suggesting it will help individuals, or organizations, purchase beds and physical barriers to place between beds in newly purposed facilities, open up funds to maintain or increase staff hours to operate these new COVID-19 related facilities, and make money available for people to stay in motels and hotels, put towards transportation costs and help pay for food and supplies.

"If you are providing new or enhanced support or services for vulnerable persons in Dufferin County as a result of COVID-19 in any of the areas (specified), we would ask that you submit your request by April 17," the release states.

To be eligible for funds, applicants must include the full name of their agency or organization, provide primary contact information, such as name, phone number and email address, submit a brief description of the community service or support provided, and state how much money they would like to receive, with a description highlighting how those funds would be utilized to address the organization's needs during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS** in the **ESTATE OF GREGORY JAMES LUCAS**, deceased, late of the Township of Melancthon, Province of Ontario, who died on July 3, 2019. **TAKE NOTICE** that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named must file with the undersigned Estate Trustee by April 30, 2020 a full statement of their claims and of securities held by them.

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