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Dufferin Oaks taking a 'long-term approach' in addressing ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin Oaks staff and residents are undergoing arduous COVID-19 testing at the county-run facility.

Brenda Wagner, the administrator at Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne, told Dufferin County Council last Thursday (April 16) that a proactive approach has been taken against the virus that's caused a worldwide pandemic.

COVID-19 cases started to emerge in North America by the end of January. Many seniors' facilities began then to screen existing and new residents for symptoms of the virus.

Staff and visitors to Dufferin Oaks were also screened, visiting hours eventually were reduced, and pandemic planning was undertaken.

Administration was informed March 30 that two Dufferin Oaks residents had been in contact with a COVID-19 positive health-

care worker at hospital in Orangeville. The Dufferin Oaks residents had received care at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

"Both residents at that time were placed on precautionary measures and were tested for COVID-19," Ms. Wagner said.

"We were later informed that day a staff member at Dufferin Oaks had tested positive for COVID-19. This was after experiencing very mild symptoms. At that point, with that one positive case, a COVID outbreak was declared at Dufferin Oaks."

Staff started wearing surgical masks at the facility the following day.

Most recently, all residents have started to be tested for the virus multiple times.

Five staff members and four residents have tested positive for the novel coronavirus, said Wagner. As many as 105 residents have been tested and there are about 50 left to be tested.

One resident has died of COVID-19, she

said.

"Our heartfelt sympathy to the family during this difficult time," she said.

All recommendations and directives from public health officials have been implemented at Dufferin Oaks.

"Our staff continue to work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our residents," Ms. Wagner said. "We will continue to provide the level of care to our residents throughout this pandemic that we have been entrusted to provide for almost 60 years."

Councillor Sandy Brown, Orangeville's mayor, asked about the rigorousness of testing at the facility.

"Just the one test isn't enough," he said. "You're going to have to continually test, are you not?"

Ms. Wagner said staff members and some residents have indeed been tested multiple times.

"This is a long-term approach," she said.

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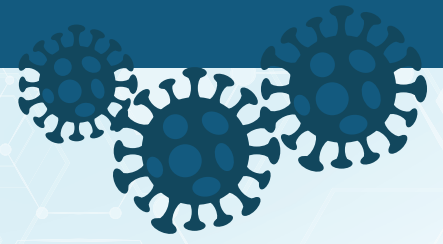
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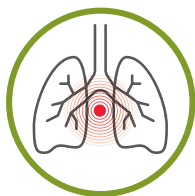


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Council holds public meeting for development charges bylaw

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Council met Monday in their second virtual meeting of the COVID-19 pandemic era, to hold a public meeting in regards to the ongoing development charges study being conducted by Hemson Consulting.

However, prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Wade Mills took a moment to express the community's sadness at the events that have unfolded recently, in Nova Scotia and to hold a "moment of silence" for the victims, their families and all those involved in those tragic events.

Following this, he read out a proclamation, declaring April 19 through 25 to be National Volunteer Week in the Town of Shelburne. The mayor noted that over 12.7 million volunteers work throughout Canada and that here in Shelburne, our many volunteers are instrumental to the success of many Town functions and programmes.

Development charges public meeting

Following this, the floor was turned over to Craig Binning from Hemson, who took Council through a presentation of the DC Study. He began by explaining that the public meeting was mandated under the Development Charges Act, in order to accommodate their input to the study, which was made publicly available on March 12, with the bylaws made available on April 6.

A DC bylaw must be renewed every five years, and the current Shelburne one was established on May 25th, 2015 and will expire on May 26 of this year. On April 14, the Province passed legislation to extend that date by up to six months, following the end of the State of Emergency. It is up to individual councils whether or not to take that extension.

By not passing the new bylaw as originally proposed, the Town could suffer adverse financial impacts, due to the freezing of rates at the application stage of developments

but also would affect the developers' ability to obtain front-end credit for capital costs. These costs must be included in the DC study in order for the developer to receive credits off it. DC costs are applied against, fire protection services, police services, public works, roads and related services, water services and wastewater services. Town wide, this amounts to \$44.7 million.

In addition to town-wide development charges, certain areas have specific charges related solely to that area. Currently in Shelburne there were two such areas in the study and a third which will be dealt with at a later date. The first two are the School Road and the east area centring around the Hwy 89 and CR 124 developments and the last one being the west area, where Tribute Homes is currently building.

As an example of what is being proposed, A single family unit, or a semi detached unit on a fully serviced town lot, would pay \$15,421 in development charges. If they were in the School Road area, there would be an additional \$4,963 levied and in the east area the additional would be \$12,531. These extra charges directly relate to the increased infrastructure that would need to be constructed to accommodate water, waste water, roads etc.

Currently, for the above outlined services the charges are \$12,228 per unit with the new suggested charges going up by 26 percent to \$15,421, or an increase of \$3,193. By comparison to other similar communities, this places Shelburne in about the middle percentile for detached single family residential dwellings.

Those areas which have been removed from the Development Charges Act, such as parkland, will now be covered under a separate legislation called the CBC, or Community Benefits Charges, and appropriate Town bylaws will be required within one year of the CBC legislation being passed.

In questioning from Council and developers, Hemson stated that the west area rates

would be determined later in the year and brought before Council at that time. It was noted that some of the infrastructure construction is being built oversized, to allow for future development and discussions were ongoing with Tribute as to what portion would be allocated to them vs future developers in the area. Shakir Rematullah, from Flato Developments stated they were fully in support of the proposed increases and changes, but asked if the Town had plans in place for accommodating future development north of Main Street on 4th Ave. Town Planner Steve Wever and Hemson answered that indeed this had been included in the study.

Coun. Lindsay Wegener asked if some clarification could be made, for the residents, who think that developers should be made to pay for all the Town's infrastructure needs. Craig Binning explained that development charges are mandated to be used for each specific development and in as much, the developer is paying for 100 percent of the infrastructure required by his development.

It was explained by Mayor Mills and others, that there are certain life-time expectations for infrastructure that have to be accommodated by the Town and therefore the residents, apart from new developments. The waste water treatment plant for example, was built over 50 years ago and has to be maintained to accommodate the increased demands put upon it by a growing population. Pipes must be replaced and so forth. None of this is the responsibility of the

developers. They pay for their part, but solid costs are spread out over the entire community. Mayor Mills added that the plant, being old, requires maintenance regardless of new growth, or perhaps in spite of it.

The resolution to receive the report as presented was carried.

COVID-19 efforts

In other business, Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson took time to thank Shelburne's community members for their efforts to combat COVID-19, and in particular our frontline workers. He wanted to know if it was possible for Council to obtain some PPE's and distribute them to those individuals.

It was noted by Treasurer Carey Holmes that money was available, in the 2020 Budget for emergency measures and it was decided that staff would try and locate PPE's and purchase some. Mayor Mills added that the Shelburne business group was trying to provide some 200 non-medical masks to workers in the supermarkets and related stores as well. At this point, Shakir Rematullah from Flato Developments added that they would supply Shelburne with 1,000 masks and 200 hand sanitizers as early as Tuesday's close of business.

In a second point, the deputy mayor mentioned that Bella Carter had requested that the Town host a flag raising for injured workers, on April 28 and fly the flag for two weeks. It was determined that if a flag could be safely delivered to town staff, this would indeed be accomplished

Childcare services reopened for essential frontline workers

Written By MIKE BAKER

The provincial government has taken action to ensure essential workers out on the frontline during the COVID-19 crisis are afforded the access they need to childcare services.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced on Friday (April 17) that certain childcare centres within our local riding would be exempt from provincial closure regulations – a move that will help hundreds of nurses, doctors and frontline care workers in our community.

"During these challenging times, Ontario is supporting our courageous frontline workers with emergency childcare centres so they can rest assured that their children are being looked after in a safe place," MPP Jones said. "Our frontline workers will have access to safe, local childcare, making it easier for health care and other frontline workers to do their jobs."

There will be three centres opened up for frontline workers in Dufferin County and Caledon - Credit Meadows Junior YMCA in Orangeville (220 Blind Line), Centennial Hylands YMCA Child Care in Shelburne (33 School Road), and Bolton Junior YMCA Day Care Centre in Bolton (12295 Queen Street South).

Individuals hoping to secure emergency childcare in Dufferin County are asked to apply on the County website at www.dufferincounty.ca/childrens-services/emergency-child-care-eligible-workers.

County Warden Darren White was particularly pleased to hear about the announcement, commending the provincial government for providing additional support for



FILE PHOTO

REOPENED: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced three childcare centres in our riding will be reopened for essential frontline workers who require services

some of our most important individuals during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Dufferin County is pleased to work with the provincial government to assure resources to aid our frontline emergency workers and to assist them by making it a little easier for them to continue doing their important work," Warden White said. "Dufferin County is proud to stand with our frontline and emergency service workers."

The need for childcare services was brought on by the provincial government's decision to close all Ontario public schools on March 12. They are currently scheduled to reopen to students on May 4, although there are some concerns that date may be pushed back. On March 31, the Ontario government launched the second phase of its Learn at Home initiative – an online portal that provides resources for families so students can continue their education while schools are closed.

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Why this movie needed an original followed by three re-makes is beyond me.

In the lead role, you've got Janet Gaynor, 1937, Judy Garland, 1954, Barbra Streisand, 1976, and Lady Gaga, 2018.

Every time, a grizzled older alcoholic, and apparently suicidal, performer, takes a younger new singer / actress, under his wing, and helps her rise to stardom before dying either by his own hand or in some ridiculous fashion.

The young ingenue becomes the new star and goes on to bathe in the glory of fame and celebrity while finishing the movie with a heartfelt rather sappy performance staring up into the heavens in tribute to her now deceased mentor.

At one time, being a star actually meant something. At least the four actresses in

the Star is Born franchise, if you can call it that, did indeed earn a star rating.

The whole stardom thing started with Hollywood and the invention of movies, of course.

Prior to that, some theatre performers did enjoy celebrity to a degree, but no where near the power of film where an actor could be seen across the entire country at the same time.

The term 'star' in reference to performers actually goes back quite a ways and by the start of the 20th century it was a commonly used term.

However, the term 'movie star' was used to distinguish those who appeared on celluloid from those who performed on stage.

During the 30's and 40's, being a movie star was a glamorous profession. You became a star because you had a certain quality – see Clara Bow, the "it girl," so-called because she simply had 'it' – an almost undefinable quality when she appeared on screen.

Or maybe you could say "Here's looking at you kid," with a slight lisp, a fedora and a trench coat, with a Douglass DC-3 revving its engines in the background lit only by the runway lights, and look really

cool saying that line. Humphrey Bogart was indeed a cool guy – at least he was on screen.

A star was someone who stood out in that profession, or was a good enough actor to achieve a leading role in a movie.

These days, a 'star' is apparently anyone who is lucky enough to get a part in a TV show. And it doesn't even matter what the role is.

If you're on TV, you're a star! At least according to tabloids, entertainment magazines and shows, and Yahoo news.

Every day I see a new story about some 'star' who has announced they have a disease – that's popular these days – has married or divorced, is in rehab, or for some reason needs to show a photo of themselves in a bathing suit.

And this makes the news.

Most of the time I have no idea who these people are. But apparently they are 'stars.'

Occasionally I will look up a bio of someone in the news who is there because they bought a new pair of shoes or something and posted it online.

Wow, this actress who bought new shoes, plays a minor character on a bad TV show, but she's a star because she's

on TV.

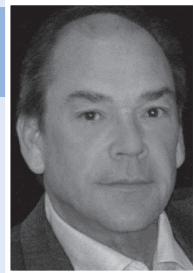
You've probably all heard the name Kardashians. They are an entire family of people who are famous – for being famous – after being made famous, because someone thought following them around with a camera would make a great TV show.

It's easy to lose count of how many times each week Kim Kardashian shows up on Yahoo news.

Best known for having her backside injected with ten quarts of 10-W-30 motor oil or something similar to produce her now-infamous giant buttocks, she's a TV 'star' because people tune in to watch the ridiculous made up weekly drama that occurs between her and her sisters and their group of hangers-on.

No one has that much drama in their lives.

I guess it's just a sign of the times that with so much media out there that has to fill TV, Netflix, Crave, pod-casts, internet broadcasts, and web pages, becoming a 'star' is just a matter of being on a screen.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Editorial

Is some relaxation appropriate?

THE CONTRAST between the situation in Canada and the United States has, perhaps, never been more dramatic.

South of the Canada-U.S. border, the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic will soon have taken 50,000 lives, with more than 45,000 having perished by Tuesday of this week, and nearly half the horrendous total occurring in New York state.

In Canada, the death toll was approaching 2,000, with the two provincial hotspots being Quebec and Ontario and the deaths in both provinces occurring more and more in long-term care institutions – about 80 per cent of Quebec's 1,000-plus total.

In the circumstances, one would reasonably expect some thought being given to gradually relaxing the virtual lockdowns in just about every jurisdiction, thanks to the widespread acceptance by the public of the temporary loss of personal freedoms.

But what we've been seeing this week in some U.S. states is virtual mobs demanding an immediate return to normal economic activity, actions seemingly based on unfounded suspicions that the risks posed by COVID-19 have been grossly overblown.

And the result has been a decision by the governors of some southern U.S. states to permit a fairly wide range of business activities to re-open as early as this weekend. In Georgia, for example, residents will be able to golf, get a massage and even a haircut and shortly to eat in bars and restaurants.

Yet the death toll in Georgia topped 800 this week, about nine times the 86-death toll in British Columbia, where the only relaxation thus far involves a few golf courses opening. Although Georgia has about twice the 5 million population of B.C., that still means a death rate of 80 per million residents compared with B.C.'s 17.

Why has there been such a difference in public behaviour and governmental actions? We are inclined to attribute it to the political leadership seen in recent months.

In Canada, there has been little of

the ordinary partisanship, with the sole exception having been a dispute over whether some sittings of Parliament should be "virtual" rather than requiring some MPs and senators to be physically present, the compromise reached being to have some of both.

Similarly, there seems to have been close cooperation between Ottawa and the provinces, with all the provincial premiers agreeing to accept the recommendations of scientists and public health officials rather than react to opinion polls.

That's hardly what we're seeing south of the border, albeit in an election year. Donald Trump has, in many ways, attempted to deflect attention, and criticism, to other sources, cutting off financial support of the World Health Organization and trying to blame former president Barack Obama for the lack of vital medical supplies when in reality he did little or nothing in the way of preparing for a pandemic his own experts had long warned was coming.

In the circumstances, the big question for Canadian political leaders to deal with is when and how we should start re-opening the economy.

As we see it, the easy answer is not to significantly relax the current restrictions until we find a means of accurately testing most of the population to determine both who has become infected and of those many who can be assumed to have developed an immunity to the killer virus.

However, we think it would be reasonably safe to do a few things, such as to allow golf courses to open, subject to limits on the number playing at any given time and continuing closure of clubhouses, and maybe even to permit barbershops and hair salons to re-open if the staffs are first tested and all required to wear surgical masks.

In the mean time, the urgent priority in both Ontario and Quebec is to deal with the situation in long-term care facilities, by ensuring that all residents and staff are tested weekly; that everyone working in them is properly equipped and supplemental help provided by the Canadian Armed Forces as necessary.



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Headwaters Health Care Foundation getting help from community

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

With the global pandemic continuing, Headwaters Health Care Foundation understands the struggles and difficulties our community are going through mentally, emotionally and financially.

Yet, HHCF is astonished by the response it has seen from the community, and support they continue to get as work to ensure the local hospital, and its staff, has all it needs to provide vital healthcare services to surrounding communities.

A COVID-19 response campaign was launched in March to help raise funds for the COVID-19 Assessment Centre and the hospital. When Ontario's state of emergency was declared on March 17, additional safety measures were implemented at the facility to ensure the well-being of patients and staff alike. Long-time Headwaters supporter Anne Livingston has matched all donations made to the COVID-19 Response campaign up to \$40,000. Within only one week, their target goal of \$40,000 was reached and overall, they raised \$91,780.

Shortly after that challenge, Nobis Canada, a luxury outwears retail company, offered to match donations during a one-week challenge, up to \$20,000. The challenge ran from April 3 to April 10 and raised just under \$55,000.

"On a good day, philanthropy plays a critical role in supporting Headwaters, but the role of philanthropy and fundraising is even more critical right now. 2020 has been challenging for us so far and COVID-19 has already had a huge impact on our planned fundraising activities," said Dora Boylen-Pabst, CEO of HHCF.

The Foundation is currently running its third matching gift program to raise funds for the hospital. The new initiative began on April 13 and will go until May 1. TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, along with the Humenuk Foundation have offered to match the community's donations up to a whopping \$50,000.

Headwaters has also received a series of gifts that have helped to plug the gaps at our local medical centre towards supporting

a variety of equipment needed, especially during this time such as, ventilators, sterile storage systems, specialty pumps for the ICU and beds and stretchers.

A total of eight participants have donated over \$25,000 to the Headwaters Foundation including, The Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary and Seconds Count, Steve and Sandra Hartman Charitable Family Foundation, TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley in association with the Humenuk Foundation, Anne Livingston, Royal Chevrolet Cadillac Inc. employees, The Hamamy Family, Airlie Foundation and The Klein-Panneton Foundation.

"We are so proud of our nurses, doctors, frontline staff, environmental services, assessment centre volunteers and countless others who care for our community, and we cannot be more proud of our Dufferin and Caledon residents and businesses who have come together during this difficult time."

She added, "Since March 24th the Foundation has been able to raise just shy of \$675,000 to support our COVID-19 response and (address) other urgent needs at hospital, in the emergency department, inpatient units and laboratory for example. Many of these needs are above and beyond the equipment and infrastructure the Foundation usually funds, and our annual list has over \$2.6 million of new and replacement priority equipment needs to fundraise for, including some substantial needs for obstetrics and diagnostic imaging to meet our growing patient volumes."

The months May to June is typically regarded as 'Event Season' for those at the Foundation, with various fundraisers scheduled to raise funds for the local hospital. This year, due to the global pandemic many events have had to be re-scheduled. Boylen-Pabst is concerned the Foundation may not be in a position to meet its fundraising target this year. The hospital gala has simply been postponed, not cancelled, which is a huge event for the Foundation, raising roughly \$300,000 each year.

"The Headwaters Golf Classic has been re-scheduled from July 7th to September 29th, 2020. The Headwaters Gala has been re-scheduled from May 2nd to October 17th,



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AMAZING EFFORT: Headwaters Health Care Foundation has raised \$675,000 since March 24 to aid the local hospital's fight against the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

2020. Tour de Headwaters is still scheduled for September 19th, 2020. To put this into perspective our Signature Events make up 25 percent of Foundation's total gross revenue. We are hopeful our events can move ahead in the Fall, but if they can't, the pressure to replace this important funding source will be magnified," said Ms. Boylen-Pabst.

Community-led events that are planned in these months have also had to be either postponed or cancelled. These community events make up roughly \$350,000 for the Foundation each year. Virtual events are encouraged through Headwaters Foundation's website, hhcfoundation.com, or reschedule the events until the fall or winter.

The team at Headwaters Foundation asks that those who wish to help during this time, reach out to the COVID-19 Response Fund to help support needs that are not govern-

ment funded at hhcfoundation.com.

"There is no doubt this is an exceptionally challenging time for us. Our staff and physicians are doing a tremendous job. We are working together to do everything we can to keep our patients and staff safe. The response from the community during this time has been tremendous and we have seen an outpouring of support of donations of personal protective equipment, food for our staff and donations to our Hospital Foundation for priority equipment," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre. "Our message remains strong that people follow the guidelines issued by public health. Please stay home, practice physical distancing when outside and wash your hands. Flattening the curve relies on each of us doing our part."

Suicide Awareness Council urges locals to talk during crisis

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Reaching out to family, friends, and neighbours during difficult times can help those who are feeling particularly isolated and vulnerable during our current situation.

The Suicide Awareness Council of Wellington-Dufferin stresses that anxiety, depression, and other mental health and life challenges can be hard to manage for some people during the current COVID-19 crisis.

Creating opportunities for open and non-judgemental dialogue about feelings of suicide is one of the most important ways to prevent suicide before it happens.

Supporting people to let them know that they are not alone and there are many people who care and will help is crucial during difficult times.

"It is helpful to be able to recognize potential signs of suicide risk," said Suicide Awareness Council Coordinator, Heather Glenister. "A few of these include suicidal threats, talking or joking about suicide, expressions of hopelessness, helplessness, and desperation and changes in personality or mood. By being alert to changes in behaviours, people can help someone sooner and reduce the risk."

Dialogue and reaching out to at-risk people is an important step.

For many reasons, people are often reluctant to intervene when they suspect someone might be considering suicide. That includes a fear of not knowing what to say.

It is important to remember that there is no specific formula. Empathy, compassion, genuine concern, knowledge of resources and a desire to help are key to preventing a suicide.

There are many ways to foster good mental health and well-being during difficult times. This can include getting enough sleep, leaning on social networks, playing with a pet, volunteering and learning a new skill.

Coping with stress in a positive way can help to reduce feelings of isolation, anxiety, fear, and thoughts of suicide.

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- On the ____ (in flight)
- Grassy field
- Truism
- Wings
- "____ Which Way You Can"
- Stale
- Grimm heavy
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- Came in first
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- ____ Bator
- Reproductive cells
- Energetic
- Hand warmer
- Watch out!
- Apart
- Dripping
- Just

DOWN

- Mind
- Punctuation mark
- Pokes
- Parasite
- Common phrase
- Sneaker feature
- Make tea
- Spasm
- Mexican entree
- Of a historic time
- Actress Merkel
- Mongolian dwelling
- Artist's workplace
- Fix
- Cowboy's ride
- Clothes
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- Gush

DOWN

- Cut one's choppers
- Historical record
- Useful legume
- Kind of room, shortly
- Beguile
- That thing's
- Bird that gives a hoot
- Type of pickle
- Bald eagle's kin
- Legal thing
- Bloomin' necklace
- Earthen vessel
- Rod's companion
- Previous to, in verse
- Parabola
- Curdle

- Quilter's gathering
- Attorney
- Before long
- Talking bird
- Lemur's cousin
- Call forth
- Do sums
- Disgusting
- Aflame
- Desire
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- Perhaps
- Chromosome component
- Cartridge-box contents
- Alluvial deposit
- Throw out
- Sketch
- Young society woman
- Salt Lake ____
- Antipathy
- Extremely small
- Toboggan
- Vinegar container
- Hair dye
- Eaten away
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- Drop off
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Headwaters Arts goes virtual with release of 'Inspired by...!'

Written By MARNI WALSH

The non-profit organization, Headwaters Arts re-opened its most recent show, 'Inspired by...!' as a Virtual Gallery Tour online on April 16.

Like so many other shows and exhibits, "Inspired by...!" had to be closed early, at its usual location at the Alton Mills Art Gallery, due to the COVID-19 crisis.

This newest show is described as "a glorious kaleidoscope of talent and artistic treasures," by Connie Munson, Chair of Headwaters Arts.

She says, "The natural world as magnified, abstracted, or a lingering mood is explored in these pieces. Likewise, the human figure, as captured by environmental photography or in impressionistic landscapes, is a prominent influence for some members."

The "Inspired by...!" exhibit originally opened at the Alton Mills Gallery on March 14. At the opening reception, patrons had a chance to meet with the artists and "share some conversations about what moves them to create while enjoying the exciting and energetic exhibit," Connie Munson told the Free Press.

Now, Headwaters Arts is giving more viewers a chance to experience that insight online when they "step behind the curtain and meet the elusive muse that inspired artist-members" featured in the exhibit. For example, on the virtual sight, area sculptor, Wendy Reid reveals that she is "inspired completely by the complexities of hands... (they) hold clues..."

"Colour, rich and full, texture, both visual and tactile, swelling forms, and strong lines are elemental and joyfully used," says Con-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

ONLINE SHOW: 'Precious Solitude,' a 36 x 30 acrylic painting by area artist Deb Menken, is just one of many glorious works to be seen on Headwaters Arts' virtual online tour which runs April 16 to May 12.

nie Munson. The Headwaters Arts' Chair invites everyone to "enjoy sculpture, acrylics, mixed media, photography, textile art, and a soupcon of the surreal with a nod to the animal world."

Headwaters Arts "celebrates and promotes the work of their artist members with ten shows throughout the year." Meet the muses and learn about the inspirations of individual Headwaters' artists in "Inspired by...!" online from April 16 - May 12 at <https://headwatersarts.com/>.

Gallery Coordinators will be working online to facilitate sales of the artwork and answer inquiries.

Shelburne Public Library news

During our Closure

Many of you have tried some of our new online resources such as Press Reader which carries newspapers and magazines in over 60 languages. Ancestry can now be accessed at home and we have a three-month trial to Kanopy for movies. Please check out our Facebook and online resources. If you would like to receive our weekly email as with all other questions relating to accessing these resources please contact us at info@shelburnelibrary.ca

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Great Divide Challenge

The leaders of last week's step challenge really showed us how it's done! The top 3 steppers had over 115,000 steps each. If you haven't had a chance to check out the leaderboard, head over to our Facebook page or Instagram to see who was in the lead at the beginning of this week. You can still email in last week's steps to jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca, and we look forward to seeing the steps you've put in this week!

Teen Scene

This week's Teen Photography Challenge is going to make us all hungry! We want to see photos of Teens creating a healthy meal from start to finish!

Each new photo will count for an entry. 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. 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 and we will sign you up to our email list.

New Books

We have placed orders for our new books for the Spring and Summer season. Our hope is that when the library re-opens we will have all your favourite authors and all the new titles available for you. WE have also done major work in cleaning the library so again, when we re-open everything will be fresh and ready to go. Unfortunately, there isn't a possible timeline yet and our main focus now needs to be keeping everyone safe. Make sure you sign up for our newsletter if you are not receiving it, by email info@shelburnelibrary.ca. We will respond as quickly as we can.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Jr. Schooners latest club to cancel summer season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

If your kids are planning on playing softball this summer, it will have to be some pickup games and some practice throwing the ball around.

The Shelburne Jr. Schooners have cancelled the entire season due to the current situation and the fact the local ball diamonds

will be unavailable until a least June 30.

The Jr. Schooners have teams in several minor divisions and play other softball clubs from around the region.

They can usually be found filling the diamonds at Hyland Park during the spring and summer months.

Club executive initially approached the season with caution and monitored the sit-

uation to see when they could expect to get the league running.

However, it became apparent that due to the restrictions on sporting activities and availability of parks and facilities in both the town and around the province, a 2020 season would not be able to take place.

The Club posted the following statement on their Facebook page.

“Our executive would like to take this time to thank you all for your patience and support as we were waiting and discussing the potential likelihood of getting in a softball season post COVID-19 outbreak. It is with huge disappointment but great understanding we are announcing that we will be forfeiting this season for all ages and levels within the organization. Amidst the widespread illnesses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Shelburne has made the difficult decision to cancel all current and upcoming programs and activities that have been scheduled on Town Property until June 30, 2020. At that time we should of already been well into our season and it is still unknown if the closures wouldn't be extended further.”

The Club is issuing refunds to those who have already registered for the 2020 season.

The time frame for the availability of local



FILE PHOTO

OVER AND OUT: The Shelburne Jr. Schooners have cancelled their summer season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

sporting venues is currently unknown.

The predicted June 30, date is only a guideline and that restriction may be extended through the summer months.

OMHA announces co-championship titles for teams after seasons vetoed

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

After the cancellation of Ontario Minor Hockey Association finals in March due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the OMHA is trying to make the best of a difficult situation.

The pandemic brought an abrupt end to the hockey season which meant leagues could not continue to crown a season champion team.

The Association has decided to award co-championship titles to teams that were in their final series.

“Our goal is to be positive and proactive in a trying environment by rewarding the players an teams who deservedly made it that far through the highly competitive playdowns,” said Ian Taylor, OMHA executive director. It's a simple gesture, but hopefully a meaningful one as well.”

Each of the finalists – 110 teams from 55 playdowns – will receive a team set of #RedHats.

Egg Farmers of Ontario is helping fund the additional #RedHats to provide players with a symbol of their achievements from the season.

“As a proud partner of the OMHA play-

downs, Egg Farmers of Ontario is pleased to recognize the co-champions and provide the dedicated, hardworking players with ah OMHA Champions Red Hat,” said Scott Helps, chair of Egg Farmers of Ontario. “Teams should take pride in reaching this mark and for everything they accomplished this season.”

The OMHA Red Hats have represented excellence, perseverance, and a will to challenge some of the best the game has to offer for over 20 years.

The OMHA likes to point out that several NHL players have previously worn the prestigious Red Hat during their minor hockey careers.

All 2020 co-champions will be recognized on the OMHA website and added to the OMHA champions database.

The Red Hat will be distributed over the coming weeks.

All hockey activities came to a sudden stop this when Hockey Canada made the decision to pull the plug based on information regarding the pandemic.

That left leagues without a conclusion to their season and no official championship teams.

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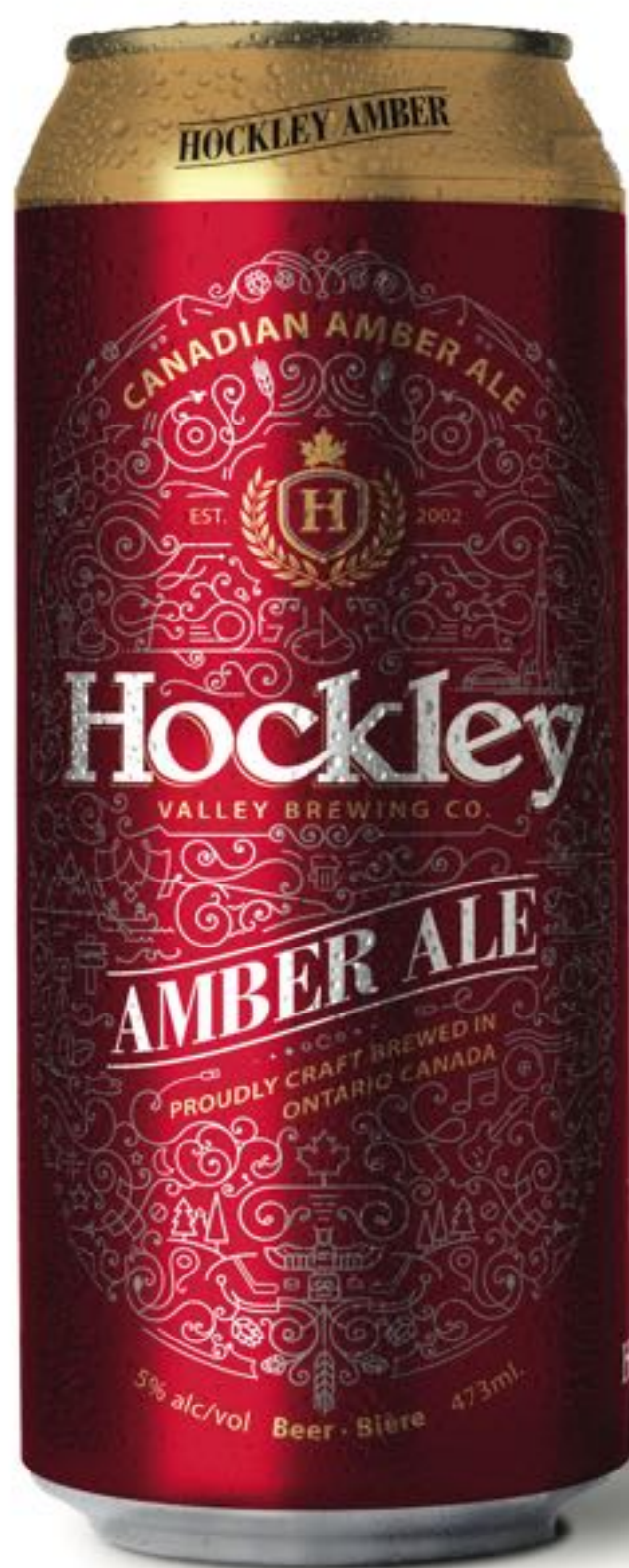
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Learning devices sent to students' homes amid COVID-19 crisis

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

As of April 6, schools across Ontario began 'distance learning' for students to continue learning within the walls of their own homes.

Distance learning, as defined by the Peel District School Board, can be done at any time of the day, and allows students to have a voice and choice throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Work doesn't always require online access and can be done with minimal adult support. The school board encourages students to read, communicate and engage in learning while remaining physically active while at home.

Secondary students in need of a device were given on April 6 to April 13. Elementary students who did not have an accessible device in their home were to receive one from April 13 to April 20.

The provincial government recently announced that all schools are to remain closed until May 4 and that may change as the date creeps closer.

"The decision to extend school closures was not made lightly. We know from the medical experts that the next two weeks will be critical in the fight against COVID-19 and that's why we're taking further action to keep our kids safe and healthy by having them stay home," said Premier Doug Ford in a recent news release. "At the same time, we cannot put the school year in jeopardy. That's why we're providing additional tools for at-home learning and ensuring students

from kindergarten to Grade 12 to post-secondary education can finish their academic year and get the credits they need to graduate."

Some challenges that teachers have endured while teaching virtually, is getting or keeping in contact with students. Orangeville resident Anthony Carnovale currently teaches Grade 11 and 12 English at Notre Dame Secondary School in Brampton. He discussed some of the challenges he has faced since starting up online programming last week.

"Getting in contact with the kids has been tough, access of technology for a lot of these kids has been tough," he said. "But you need a little bit of time to find your groove, and I'm slowly getting there. By next week, I hope things are in full swing."

Teachers at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) have had their fair share of struggles with learning new teaching techniques, and they are adjusting to the new education delivery model, explained Bruce E. Campbell, General Manager of Communications and Community Relations. We reached out to teachers and even a principal within the public and catholic school boards, but, largely, we were referred to each board's respective head office for comment.

"Many were already engaged in posting work online and were familiar with platforms such as Google Classrooms. There are also teachers who required training and familiarization with conversion to an online

platform," Mr. Campbell said. "We have been providing training opportunities, as has the Ministry of Education, to assist as we continue engaging our students in distance learning."

Just recently, DPCDSB, delivered over 7,000 learning devices to students who were in need of such technology to continue their education. A total of 18,000 learning devices have been delivered to students' homes, with 780 still on their way.

Lesson plans are different from day-to-day, with flexibility in deadlines and expectations. The school boards are strongly encouraging students to focus wholly on learning, but teachers acknowledge they can't expect students to fill their entire day with being on their device, and same goes for the teachers.

"I post two or three modules a week for the kids to complete on their own time. I give them some deadlines that they can work with, but we have to be flexible with deadlines. Throughout the day, you're constantly checking your email or whatever platform you're on to see if students have reached out to you to address any questions," explained Mr. Carnovale. "I take a two-hour chunk in the afternoon to do some lesson planning and some marketing and communicating with the kids. And that's basically it."

He added, "It's not sitting in front of the computer for the whole day but making yourself available in different ways as much as you possibly can."

Students are experiencing anxiety and

stress levels as the pandemic continues, and schools remain closed. Mr. Carnovale explains that it's easy to sense their anxiety and discomfort, especially for those whose parents are frontline workers and may be isolating away from them.

"My impression is we're creatures of habit and these habits have been upturned, and you don't know if these kids have the bandaging skills. I'm having problems keeping track of emails, texts and tweets. So, I can imagine with a kid sitting at their home base, between four or five different teachers, keeping track and managing all of those things (can be difficult)," he said.

Teachers are working hard to do their job, teach and keep students on the right track without getting lost on the way, but are hopeful and know everyone will make it to the other side. Several matters are to be considered when thinking about the sensitivity of the youths' mind, what they're going through and encouraging them to continue their education.

"A lot of parents have lost good jobs. Mental health is an issue. There's a lot of more important things, that would be a priority in a home, and you accommodate your curriculum and your expectations," said Mr. Carnovale. "These are unique times. We can't worry about thing like attendance and deadlines. We can't have the same expectations in the classroom and learning in the classroom. It's just impossible to do. It's a learning curve for all of us culturally."

One good turn deserves another as community rallies behind OFB

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Executive Director of Orangeville Food Bank (OFB), Heather Hayes, told the Free Press this week, that community support during the COVID-19 outbreak has been overwhelming.

"This community has always rallied in times of hardship," says Ms. Hayes, "and the pandemic has proven that, once again, as support for fellow neighbours continues with generous donations that make sure there is food for people in need."

In order to provide a single access point for delivering food to clients, thus reducing the risk of contacting COVID-19 for both clients and volunteers, OFB formed partnerships with several area organizations in mid March to form "Dufferin Food Share." These organizations include, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul, St. Timothy Church, Westminster United Church, St. Mark's Anglican Church, The Cafe, The Concern Grand Valley Food Bank, and the County of Dufferin.

Ms. Hayes says the Salvation Army's New Hope Church graciously provided the space at 690 Riddell Road. "All parties have been so supportive during this reconfiguration providing food, space and volunteers," says the Executive Director. "We have over a 130

volunteers supporting the initiative." OFB Food Manager, Savanaha O'Reilly, oversees the operations at the Salvation Army, while the Executive Director oversees the administration, donations and warehouse operations at 25 Centennial Road.

"Volunteers have stepped up to sort food, do pick ups, package products, box food, help with administration and any needs we have," says the Executive Director. "Some of our longstanding partners like The Cafe located at Center Fellowship Church started soup production for us; large scale donations have come in from E. Hoffman Plastics, the Town of Orangeville, and many service clubs and businesses."

"Compass Run for Food, knowing that area food banks needed support immediately, provided funding - even though their event had been postponed until October 3rd," Ms. Hayes says. "We are very thankful to them for ongoing support."

Terry Doel and Vanessa Kreuzer from Lavender Blue Catering gathered volunteers for OFB's move to the Salvation Army location and "from there things took off," says Heather Hays. She reports that Terry Doel, an experienced chef, spotted OFB's healthy stock of beans and lentils, a staple which can often be difficult for people to use, and began to

make delicious meals from that supply and more for OFB to distribute to those in need. Proving that one good turn deserves another, the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands generously donated funds to Lavender Blue to help with the cost of making those meals.

The Food Share, which is supporting individuals from all the collaborating agencies, and saw an increase from approximately 700 people a month to over 800 in March. "While we see familiar faces," says Ms. Hayes, "We are also seeing individuals that are out of work for the first time, parents worried about providing for their children."

Those in need of food support may access either Grand Valley Food Bank, (originally located on Cooper Street,) now relocated at the Grand Valley Arena at 90 Main Street in Grand Valley; or Orangeville Food Bank relocated to 690 Riddell Road in Orangeville. Access is available every second week and clients will receive a box of non perishables and fresh items, including: milk, eggs, fruits vegetables, meats, hygiene products and pet food.

For those who have mobility issues, are immune compromised, or quarantined, OFB has developed a referral based delivery service, and the County of Dufferin Meals on Wheels staff are delivering four days a week.

"We have also increased food for children," says Ms. Hays, "as we recognize that breakfast and lunch school programs are not available right now." This includes cheese strings, yogurts, apples, oranges, vegetables and snack items. "We are really lucky to have the support of the Children's Foundation of Guelph Wellington, which has been providing perishable foods and vouchers to increase the amount of food we can offer to our small people," she says.

Ms. Hayes says the situation "is a long term change for all of us." She cautions, "The need for food support will increase as people use their financial resources to weather this storm. The effects of the recession of 2008 resulted in people needing to access food banks for two years afterwards; our resources and response to this will have to meet needs for at least 18 months to two years from now."

Despite the current crisis, Heather Hays says, "Working at the food bank renews one's faith everyday. Faith in good people, faith in kindness, faith that sticking together will always get us through tough times. A pandemic is awful, but it is offset by the strength of community."

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