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**MOVING ON:** Shelburne is on the lookout for a new fire chief. Brad Lemaich, pictured above, has served in the role since 2015. It was announced last Tuesday (May 12) that Lemaich was leaving his position to take on the role of fire chief for the Town of Tillsonburg. For the full story, see Page 5.

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## Shelburne Council establishes new 'Blueprint for Recovery' following COVID-19 pandemic

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Council met on Wednesday (May 13), in a Special Session, to discuss the COVID-19 'Blueprint for Recovery', a high level document intended to give an overall view of the process of reopening the Town once the pandemic dies down.

Primarily drafted by Mayor Wade Mills, the document was divided into three stages - Restart, Realign and Reassess. The intention being to help guide the Town's transition to the "new normal" following the first round of this pandemic. It is understood that this pandemic will have far-reaching consequences and will require everyone to rethink how they operate.

The report was predicated upon certain guiding principles, with the first and foremost being the health and safety of the residents and staff. Following this, was that actions be as transparent and equitable as

possible, that decisions be based upon scientific and fact based data and that actions taken should help Shelburne emerge as a stronger and more resilient community.

To this end, phase one, Restart, would see a gradual reopening of public facilities and amenities, consistent with provincial and public health directives, while addressing local needs and realities. It would continue support for local businesses and community groups, to ease their reopening transition and would consider and implement new public safety protocols following reopening, such as social distancing and sanitization.

Phase Two, the Realignment, would look more to governance. Council's Strategic Priorities, established for 2019 through 2022 would be reviewed to ascertain whether changes were appropriate. Staffing would be reevaluated, to enable appropriate response to necessary adjustments and the

2020 Budget would be reviewed, along with the 2021 to 2023 budget estimates, to consider possible realignments. Overall governance models and structures would also be reviewed to ensure they remained consistent with the needs of the Town.

The final stage, Reassessment, would prepare the Town for what will undoubtedly be the rapid changes in information and conditions, which will occur going forward.

This would include the continuation of an Emergency Operations style reporting structure until the recovery plan is fully implemented. It would see the development of a Response Plan to prepare for subsequent "waves" of COVID 19, which have been predicted and ended seen already. There would also be a Monthly Report Card on all areas of town services to ensure they remain responsive.

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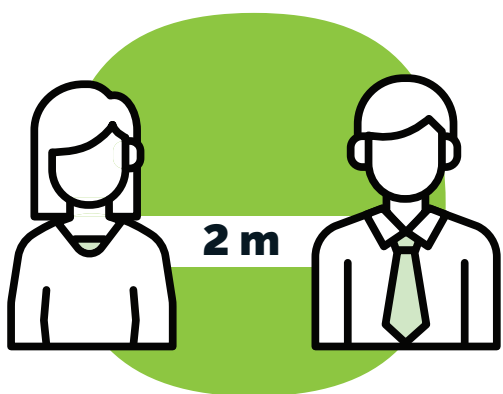
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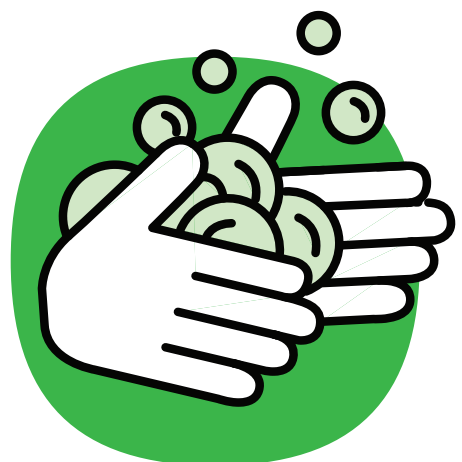


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# MPP Sylvia Jones expects 'a new normal' once COVID crisis concludes

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The Ontario government has officially begun the first stage of reopening the province, as of Tuesday (May 19).

This first stage includes reopening outdoor spaces, such as recreational and sports facilities, multi-use fields, off-leash dog parks and other recreational areas. Apart from the lifting of these restrictions, all emergency orders have been extended until May 29 to keep the public safe. This includes bars and restaurants and continues to limit social gatherings.

"Although we are entering the first stage of our framework to reopen the economy, it's critical that we continue to do so in a safe and responsible manner," said Premier Doug Ford. "The people of Ontario have been doing a fantastic job to help flatten the curve and stop the spread of this terrible virus. With warmer weather beginning, individuals and families will now be able to enjoy many outdoor amenities, but everyone must continue to maintain physical distancing from those outside of their household."

Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP and Solicitor General, spoke with the Free Press this week about the gradual reopening of the

province and what the future may look like.

"I'm not going to delude anyone into thinking that it's going to happen very quickly. I think that we really have to be very careful to continue to watch the numbers of how many new cases have been tested positive," she said. "We also have to continue to rely on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. If we push it too quickly, then I'm very concerned that we will end up being in a situation where we have a major push-back and nobody wants to see that."

As of Tuesday there are over 23,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the province, with 1,919 deaths. In total, 17,898 individuals who have had the virus have made complete recoveries. As several businesses have been selected to reopen this past weekend, a spike of over 400 new confirmed cases were announced on Monday.

What the next year will look like is hard to predict, but MPP Jones sees a "different normal", where safety is heightened in all aspects of our lives.

"I think what you will see going forward is that businesses and manufacturing firms will have, for lack of a better word, a new motto. There are things that we will expect as employees, as customers and as owners, that

we need to make sure we're protecting people when they come into our facilities. We're already seeing those changes with plexiglass and shields at check-outs. It would not at all surprise me that those continue to be in place moving forward."

She added, "Frankly, if that's what we need to make sure that our families are protected and our employees are protected, then I fully support those changes."

Many members of the community have reached out with concerns that the province is reopening too quickly, or not fast enough. The process of relaunching the economy is being spread out over three stages, with each stage within two to four weeks of each other.

"There are people that would like to see us move forward faster, and there are those who are concerned. I've spoken to a number of healthcare practitioners who want to make sure that they're not going to be overwhelmed, because there's a net increasing community spread," explained Ms. Jones. "I think the ongoing focus and concern continues to surround our loved ones who are in long-term care settings and what I call con-

jugate settings, so group homes and prisons. Anywhere where people are living in close quarters together becomes a concern, and we have to put extra measures in place to protect those individuals."

Working as MPP and Solicitor General, she has an overflowing plate of work ahead of her. She is grateful for her team and associates who are working alongside her to help coordinate each sector of her job.

"I literally have to remember what day of the week it is," she explained. "The days are packed. There is a lot of activity going on at the cabinet level, at the caucus level. Frankly, at the Solicitor General level, we've been working around the clock. I have to give a thank-you and a shout out to the people who work in the ministry, the people, my staff who've continued to help people over the phone and on email. I have been pretty blessed, and I guess I'm one of the lucky ones that I have all my family at home with me, so I'm not worried about a spouse or child who is sheltering somewhere else. I've been blessed that way because it's one less thing not to have to stress about."

## County Council gets first look at cost of COVID-19 across Dufferin

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

It's projected the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic could dig Dufferin County a nearly \$1.5-million hole.

The World Health Organization dubbed the COVID-19 novel coronavirus's spread to be of a worldwide pandemic reach on March 12. And, a little more than two months later, Dufferin County is beginning to see the financial implications that have been brought to bear on the region.

Aimee Raves, Dufferin County's acting treasurer, said in a report to council May 14 that a year-end projection describes a possible deficit of \$1,485,000.

"This is our first crack at it and it's a worst-case scenario," she said in tabling the document. "It's based on a number of assumptions. Those assumptions seem to be changing daily."

And from the document verbiage: "It is likely that the estimated deficit will be considerably less than \$1.5 million and that the shortfall can be accommodated within the 2020 budget."

There are five main drivers to the deficit: Additional staffing requirements for Dufferin Oaks and Paramedics (\$775,000); an increased need for personal protective equipment and related supplies (\$415,000); enhanced cleaning throughout county facilities (\$730,000); a reduction in investment interest (\$228,000), and a combined reduction in supplemental tax levies and increased tax write offs (\$280,000).

Councillor John Creelman, Mono's deputy mayor, said the financial projection paints a dire picture of the pandemic's costs this far. And, he said, that's an important detail to keep in mind: The pandemic hasn't yet passed and the price tag could escalate.

"I think it's fairly straightforward," he said.

Ms. Raves said Dufferin County's monetary situation will be closely monitored and council will be kept apprised of any changes to the financial projection.

Other areas anticipating increases include Ontario Works as the federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit assistance ends, offset by provincial funding. However, the funding for the administration of this program is currently capped at the 2018 levels which may create an additional overspend in the event additional staff are required to adequately deliver the service.

In a report to county council, Ms. Raves said community housing will experience increases in subsidies to landlords related to rent geared to income of tenants.

"Rent revenue from the county's own buildings is not anticipated to decrease significantly as the majority of units are either designated for seniors or affordable housing units," she wrote.

Dufferin Oaks has received \$75,000 in additional funding to date to offset costs associated with COVID-19. The annual funding increase has come in slightly higher than budget, which will help offset costs.

The provincial government recently announced what's been called pandemic pay for front-line health care workers. That includes a \$4 per hour raise for 16 weeks.

"Notice has been provided by the Ministry of Health that all costs associated with the 16-week ... increase for staff will be covered by the province," said Ms. Raves in her report.

As such, those costs to Dufferin Oaks and the county's paramedic service have not been included in the deficit projection.

Waste Services will be moving to a new vendor for the disposal of recycling in June.

"The contract amount has come in lower than anticipated, creating some small savings," she said. "However, these are more than offset by the continued decline in the recycling market where we are anticipating

far less revenue than budget."

The county will see monetary savings in work spaces and offices closed by the pandemic. And there will be some small savings in less maintenance, supplies, and other materials required at those buildings.

There are a number of strategies that can be utilized to offset the projected deficit. The report indicated the county has a healthy rate stabilization reserve balance of nearly \$3.8 million, including a \$1.4 million contribution from 2019 operating surpluses. "However, with the full economic outlook becoming less positive as the year progresses, it is better to look at in-year savings as we anticipate future year budget pressures and hold onto reserves to address these pressures," Ms. Raves said.

"Funds currently held in the savings account as well as some short-term investments are available to assist in months when it is needed most, particularly when there are large capital outflows later in the summer."

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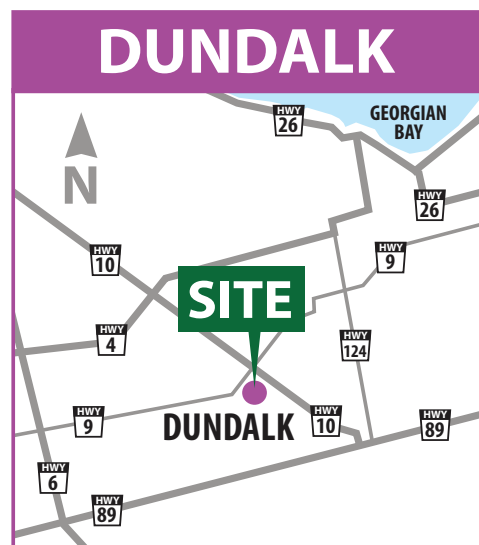


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# Our unsung heroes

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 It was the steady trickle of water from the bottom of the hot water tank in the basement of my home that indicated that after almost 20 years of uninterrupted service, this unit was nearing the end of its useful lifespan.

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It took the guy from the gas company about two seconds to diagnose the problem and make a recommendation.

"Yup, that's pooched," he said. "You need a new tank."

No big deal to me. It's a rental so they have to replace it.

"Ya know," he added. "You might want to consider replacing your furnace as well. It doesn't look too good."

He was right. The furnace had also cranked over 20 years of service after being installed in what was then, a brand new home.

After talking with the furnace division consultant, he arranged to have both units replaced on the same day.

A couple of days later, two men arrived in the morning with a big truck and everything they

needed to put in the new units.  
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When they called me to the basement to have a look at the finished work, I complimented them on getting it all done in only half a day.

"Well, when you do it every day, it's just routine for us," the one guy replied.

During this time when so many businesses have had to close, it brings a better appreciation of those services that really are an integral part of the community and keep us all going when times get tough.

I think topping the list must be the farmers. They haven't quit. They are still out there doing what they have to do to get crops ready for planting, keeping the beef and dairy farms operating, and pruning the trees in the fruit orchards.

If for some reason, and this would never happen, the government ordered the farms to close during this pandemic, it would cause widespread panic.

Within a couple of weeks, the large urban centres would collapse as people scrambled to find food and chaos took over the streets. They would soon be boiling tree bark and making grass and dandelion salads.

A lot of downtown urban people seem to forget that food doesn't magically appear in the supermarkets. It is grown and farmed by hard-working people.

All that food doesn't get to the supermarket by wheelbarrow and camels. It requires the important trucking industry to keep those stores supplied. Without the big rigs and the people who drive them, those skids full of produce from the Ontario Food Terminal aren't going anywhere.

Electricity is something we tend to take for granted – as long as it's still there. Once the power goes out, you're life is pretty much coming to a standstill.

Power employees, along with other utility company workers are still on the job providing the needed services to keep our society running.

Auto mechanics and related services have kept operating. There would nothing more frustrating to have your car sidelined because it needs a new alternator – except you have

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If you have a pipe that bursts there are still plumbers who make calls.

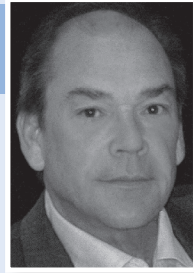
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On top of this, fire fighters, police, and paramedics are still on the job should you need them.

It is times like that makes you realize how important some jobs are in society.

For those snooty types that look down on people who work with their hands, and yes there are many, suddenly that guy who shows up at your house with a set of tools can be a life-saver.

I may not be having dinner in a fancy restaurant any time soon, but at least I have hot water.



**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
 FROM THE SECOND ROW

## Editorial

# It's time to reopen the economy

When Premier Doug Ford "took back Ontario", as he so vociferously claimed following the 2018 provincial election, he promised to usher in a new era of common-sense, for-the-people critical thinking at Queen's Park. Now, more than ever, we need him to follow through on that commitment.

COVID-19 has really knocked the world for a loop over the past few months. Entire countries, particularly in Europe, have, figuratively, been brought to their knees. Nations have closed their borders and completely shut down their economies in an attempt to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Granted pandemic status by the World Health Organization (WHO) in March, COVID-19 has, as of Monday infected a shade under 5 million people worldwide, and killed almost 320,000.

On the face of it, those are some pretty startling statistics. It's only when you begin to dive a little deeper that you may wind up scratching your head, wondering why we find ourselves in the situation we're in today.

We currently have a population on earth of around 7.8 billion people. Using the statistics published by the WHO, that means 0.06 percent of the global population have been infected by COVID-19. Even if we acknowledge that many confirmed cases have flown under the radar and gone undiagnosed, let's say we, generously, multiply the confirmed number by 10, it still only brings us to a fraction of a percent – 0.6 percent, in fact.

There have been many comparisons made by the mainstream media in Canada, for some strange reason, between COVID-19 and the Spanish Flu, which gripped the world for the better part of two years from 1918 to 1920. An estimated 500 million people were infected at a time when earth had a population of between 1.5 billion and 2 billion, with deaths reported to be between 17 million and 50 million. You likely don't need a calculator to break down those numbers.

Looking more recently, going back a decade, the H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic saw as many as 1.4 billion people infected worldwide. The virus, which was considerably more vicious than COVID-19, is believed to have claimed the lives of around 575,400 people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It should be noted, there was no real mass hysteria, and certainly no global shutdown when Swine Flu first hit in 2009.

Here in Canada, as of Monday, there have been around 78,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The majority of those cases have been in Quebec (43,000), and here in Ontario (23,000). Mr. Ford moved quickly to legislate lockdown measures that prohibited non-essential services from operating. That was more than eight weeks ago.

Since then, the provincial unemployment rate has ballooned to around 12 percent – the highest it's been in more than 25 years. An estimated 2.2 million Ontario workers, representing nearly

one in three jobs in the province, have been directly effected through job losses or reduced hours at work. Ontario's deficit is expected to quadruple to around \$41 billion due to costs incurred by the coronavirus.

While the Premier unveiled the first stage of his plan to relaunch the economy last week, a move that will allow most retail operations with a street-front entrance to open and lifts limits on construction projects across the province, it doesn't quite go far enough. We understand why a shutdown had to happen, and commend the provincial government for successfully slowing the spread of COVID-19, but the time has come to remove the kid gloves, relax those restrictions and fully restore the economy.

While every one of the 5,679 (as of Sunday) lives lost due to COVID-19 is a tragedy, the vast majority of those deaths, around 90 percent, occurred with people over the age of 70, many of whom had additional health problems that compromised their immune systems. For those aged 20 to 69 – the people who predominantly make up Canada's workforce, there have been 547 deaths. That equates to around 0.003 percent of the workforce.

Conrad Black made a harsh, but good point in a recent column published by the National Post, stating "putting between a fifth and a third of the population in grave financial danger and at risk of ancillary conditions that can also be deadly, to reduce the mortal incidence of the virus from 320 people in one million over the whole population to 200, is not a justifiable measure."

He pointed to Sweden, who have avoided a mass shutdown of services, instead implementing less stringent coronavirus measures. The result is a little more than 30,000 of the Scandinavian nation's 10.23 million people have contracted the virus. While its economy has been impacted by the pandemic, it certainly hasn't been hit as hard as some other European nations, such as the UK, Germany and France.

It's already being said that the COVID-19 crisis is going to bring on the worst recession in modern history – even worse than the Great Depression. The financial implications are already going to be felt for generations. Pushing the reopening of the economy back any more is only going to exacerbate the problem, and increase that timeline.

We are in a much stronger position now than we were when the crisis hit more than two months ago. Hospitals are better prepared to handle any future outbreak, while businesses have introduced extensive safeguarding measures to ensure the spread of the virus is limited. We, the general public, are more in tune with what to do, too. Elderly residents, and those with health concerns, should continue to self-isolate and limit any face-to-face interaction. But the rest of us need to get back to work. We need to do what we can to rebuild the Ontario economy, before it's too late.



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# Shelburne Fire Chief Brad Lemaich resigns, takes new role in Tillsonburg

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne Fire Chief Brad Lemaich, began his firefighting career in 2003 in his hometown, Tillsonburg, Ontario. On June 8, he will be returning to the town where it all began as its new fire chief.

Brad has been Shelburne and District Fire Department Chief, since 2015, when he came to Shelburne from his previous position as Fire Chief of the Municipality of Greenstone, some 280 Km north of Thunder Bay ON.

Brad had always thought that should an opportunity present itself to return home, he would consider it and noted that he was very happy to be in Shelburne and had never undertook searching for other opportunities beyond Tillsonburg.

He feels he has become a part of the Shelburne community and will be sorry to leave it, however Tillsonburg has always been home. His parents, both in their 80's reside in, nearby, Aylmer and his two son's will be attending Fanshawe College, in London, when classes resume.

With the current COVID-19 pandemic wreaking havoc across the world, being closer to his family is a concern for the chief. Also, although his health is now good, Tillsonburg has a full-time, paid deputy chief, which will allow for the responsibilities of the job, of fire chief, to be less demanding.

In his time with Shelburne District Fire Department, Brad felt that he had a good relationship with the municipalities it comprised. He said that they were always able to

negotiate their concerns to everyone's satisfaction.

Brad feels strongly about Shelburne and will continue to worry about the Town even though he will no longer be involved. As it turns out, Tillsonburg may well become the new dispatch centre for the Shelburne and District Fire Service, following the dissolution of the Orangeville dispatch service, as they transition to OPP policing.

His last day in Shelburne, will be June 5, following which he will commence duties in Tillsonburg on June 8. Although Tillsonburg had wanted him to start at an earlier date, Brad refused, indicating that being Fire Chief was a position of trust and one he valued. He wanted to take a month to be able to leave Shelburne in capable hands and not feeling

abandoned. He has offered his services to assist the Fire Board in finding a suitable replacement for his position.

When Brad starts in Tillsonburg, he will be in very familiar circumstances. Having served there for 10 years, he already knows all of his senior firefighters, the Mayor is an old friend and he is recognized in the community.

Tillsonburg Mayor Stephen Molnar expressed his pleasure in having Brad return saying that, "I'm pleased to welcome him home."

Brad replaces acting Chief Gord Roesch, who filled in for retiring Chief Terry Saelens, a forty year veteran of firefighting.

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## Shelburne Council establishes new 'Blueprint for Recovery' following COVID-19 pandemic

The community has effectively been on pause, since the beginning of the pandemic, in March, and must now begin to get restarted in a safe and responsible manner. One thing is certain, many of the "old rules", will no longer be applicable going forward. Going back to the way things were, is simply not possible. It will be necessary to remain adaptive and responsive to changing conditions and both ready and willing to reevaluate responses.

A few points were brought up by Council members, in response to the Blueprint. One was the manner in which meetings would continue to be held. Since the Municipal Act was only temporarily amended to allow virtual meetings, the existing Council Chambers will no longer be suitable for in person meetings, as they are too small to allow appropriate social distancing.

Under the Municipal Act, a quorum of members must be present, in a room, to allow a meeting to be held and business to be officially conducted. Council members may participate virtually, but they do not count towards a quorum being established. CAO Denyse Morrissey stated that the May 25

Council Meeting will be held in the CDRC, to allow for appropriate spacing to be maintained. At this point, public participation may appear uncertain at that meeting.

Coun. Lindsay Wegener, asked how the Town could contravene the provincial opening of public parks, and, after discussions, was told that as the parks are Town property, they could be subject to Town bylaws and rules. Thus for example, they could be opened for public access, with appropriate social distancing in effect, but the playground equipment could still be off limits due to safety concerns. All of these types of concerns are what the Blueprint for Recovery is designed to address.

Overall, the document was well thought out and will ensure that the Town is well prepared to deal with the reopening of services and the community in the weeks and months to follow. Further COVID 19 outbreaks and problems are inevitable, but a mobile and reactive recovery plan should insure that Shelburne will weather them and come out stronger and more resilient in the end.

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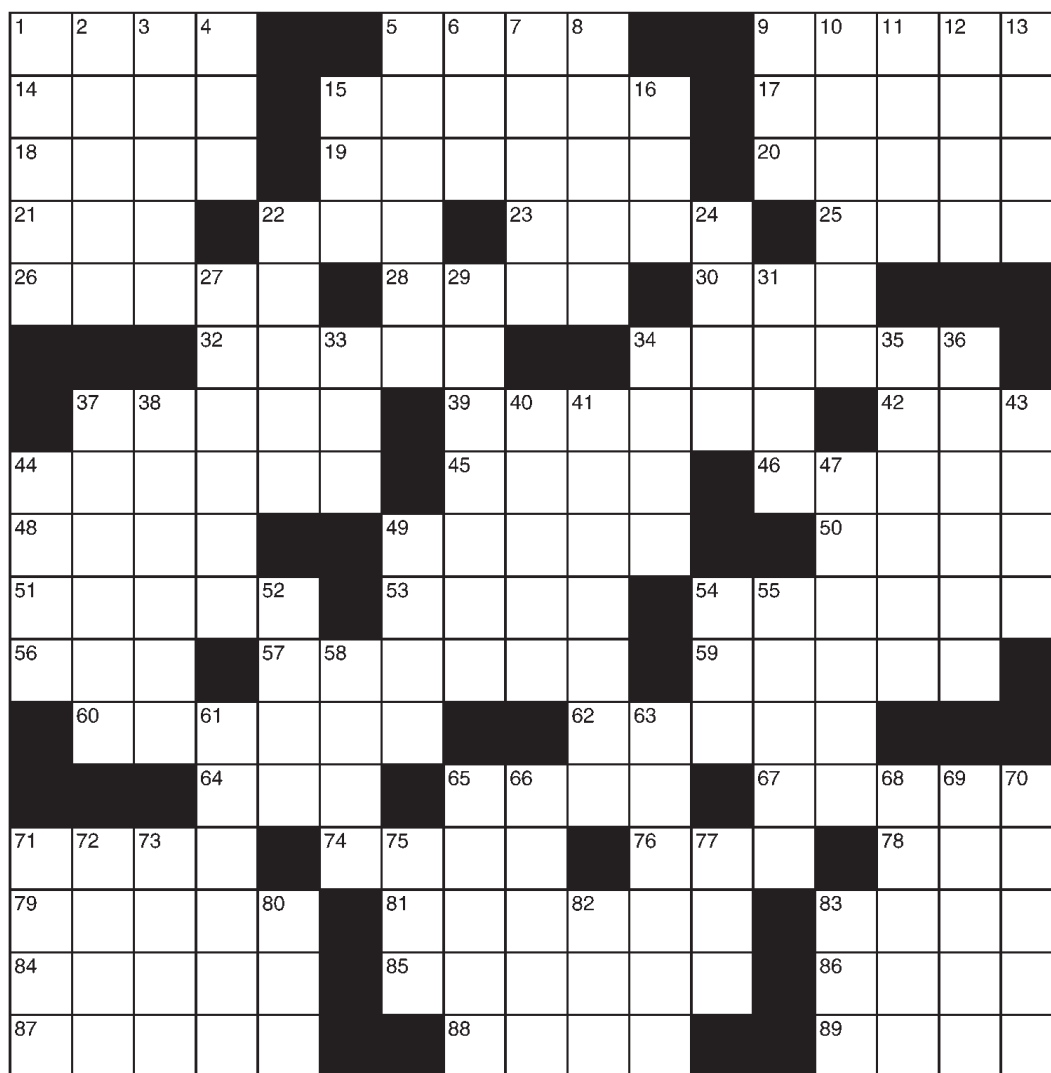
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### ACROSS

1. Bird's bill
5. Gooey substance
9. Perfume ingredient
14. Wheel shaft
15. Soccer team
17. Freightage
18. Portico
19. Spin
20. Unexpected pleasure
21. Electron-deficient atom
22. Marvy
23. Wedding-cake part
25. Simple
26. Transparent
28. Assist in crime
30. Muslim leader
32. Ma's instrument
34. Uproar
37. Tropical eel
39. Worker at an inn

### ACROSS

42. Sable or mink
44. Cancel
45. Green fruit
46. "\_\_\_ of the Ball"
48. March date
49. Dogma
50. Short message
51. Winner's position
53. Before
54. Higher
56. Small boy
57. \_\_\_ out (allotted)
59. Birthday or surprise
60. Knob
62. Tropical creeper
64. Superhero's chest letter
65. Narrow valley
67. Period of indulgence
71. Prepare a salad
74. Stewpot
76. Go by plane

### ACROSS

78. Morsel for a pony
79. Take advantage of
81. Dwarfed plant
83. Ballerina's short skirt
84. Sudden forward thrust
85. Merry
86. Venerable
87. Improve by editing
88. Race assemblage
89. Had being

### DOWN

1. "\_\_\_ Instinct"
2. Praise
3. Unattended
4. New Zealand parrot
5. Worldwide
6. \_\_\_ off steam
7. Egglike
8. Small
9. Pretend

10. Runway
11. Cypress, e.g.
12. Seaweed gel
13. Learning method
15. Geologic division
16. Born as
22. Oddity of nature
24. Isolated
27. Transversely
29. Shelf item
31. Attire
33. Drain-opener ingredient
34. Dart about
35. At sea
36. Sweltering
37. Situated in the middle
38. Carry to excess
40. From that moment
41. Make high-pitched sounds
43. Hollow stalk
44. Break in friendship
47. Envelop
49. Mood
52. In this way
54. "\_\_\_ Lazy River"
55. Flower
58. "The Sun \_\_\_ Rises"
61. Plan
63. Baby
65. Darkness
66. Harpoon
68. Cosmetic
69. "Peter, Peter, pumpkin \_\_\_ . . ."
70. Chopin work
71. Fable, e.g.
72. Egg cell
73. Reasonable
75. JFK follower
77. Jar's cover
80. Conducted
82. Litigate
83. Game marble





# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Scary times for local dojo, but they are not ready to quit

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

While businesses around the province wait for the green light to re-open, there's a lot of pressure on small business owners during the downtime.

Some enterprises will get the go-ahead earlier than others depending on the nature

of the business and the amount of physical contact with the public.

As such, some sporting venues will likely be at the bottom of the list when it comes to getting the thumbs up to open their doors.

At Impact Martial Arts in Shelburne, physical contact is a part of the sport. The local martial arts school teaches Judo, which is

all about self defence including grappling, throwing, and knowing how to fend off an attacker.

The studio opened in January with a lot of enthusiasm from students, however the COVID-19 pandemic brought a sudden stop to the classes at the Main Street location.

Dojo owner, Sensei Kyle Fegan, said he is doing everything he can to make sure the school can open as soon as possible while keeping in mind that Judo is a contact sport.

"It was startling, it was terrifying," Sensei Fegan said of the sudden order to close the doors to the Dojo. "We completely shut down. As of March there was zero income coming in. I'm not one to charge my students if I'm not teaching. Because of the nature of the art that we teach, there's not a lot we can do on social media or video. We tried a couple of videos but it's not the same and certainly not worth charging students for. The fact that we still had to pay rent until the government finally gave a reprieve for that - that was little bit of help but we're coming up on June, which will be the end of the third month, and there still doesn't seem to be any end in sight for organizations like us. We're very concerned. It's very scary."

Unlike most contact sports which have degrees of contact, Judo is a full on physical activity that requires two people in contact to train.

"Judo is very much an interactive sport," Sensei Fegan explained. "As much as you're fighting for yourself, you need a partner to fight to move your techniques along. As far as learning techniques and learning how to pull and move your opponent around, it's not possible without resistance. I keep trying to reach out to our students and let them know



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**SHUT DOWN:** As a full contact martial arts Dojo, Impact Martial Arts in Shelburne may be the last on the list of businesses allowed to re-open due to the physical nature of the

we're still here and we're still fighting. We're okay as long as we can get open soon, we'll still be around."

Because of the very nature of martial arts, Sensei Fegan thinks they will probably be allowed to open later rather than sooner.

"Realistically, I would expect we are going to be last, and I don't fault anybody for that. It's just the nature of what we do. I'm not willing to risk anyone's health. I'm going to make sure this is taken care of and dealt with before we open. When we do get the green light, I plan on having wash stations or hand sanitizer readily available for any time students have any kind of interaction. We're going to have to be religious about sanitizing before and after."

Sensei Fegan said they are doing what ever they can to make sure they can re-open the Dojo safely and as soon as possible.

"It's scary, but we're fighting as hard as we can and we have no aspirations on quitting."

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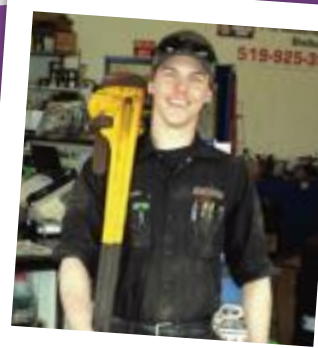
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## OPFL makes decision to cancel all spring/summer football activities

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

For many Shelburne area athletes, getting out on the gridiron during the summer was great physical activity, and a way to participate in a tough but satisfying sport.

Shelburne players usually joined the Orangeville Outlaws as a way to participate in football.

In fact, many players came to play for the Outlaws from several towns in the region, and as far away as Owen Sound.

However, football players will have to find another sport this summer.

Outlaws Club executive and players received the news on Tuesday, May 19, that the Ontario Provincial Football League has cancelled the spring and summer season.

The League posted a news release on Tuesday stating: "The Ontario Provincial Foot League, after reviewing the Province of Ontario Health Statements and Guidelines, those of the municipalities represented throughout the province, and the Club representatives has made the difficult decision to cancel activities related to the operation of a 2020 spring / summer football program."

The statement went on to say the OPFL is keeping with one of the founding principles of the organization which is, "to act on the

best interests of what is best for the player. The player will be at the forefront of all league actions."

Club executives from teams around Ontario have been working together over the past several weeks trying to figure out the best course of action for both their own organizations as well as the League to find a way to get the sport up and running this year.

However, the League decision means that football clubs cannot hold practices or games and there will be no schedule for this season.

The decision also means Club executive will not be able to hold meetings, at least in person, to discuss club activities or future plans.

The Outlaws had already started pre-season indoor training when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the training sessions.

The Outlaws were looking forward to a successful season with many experienced players moving up the ranks to bolster the older divisions.

The Orangeville organizations has divisions for kids from the Atom level right up to the Varsity division and has several championship teams in the record books.

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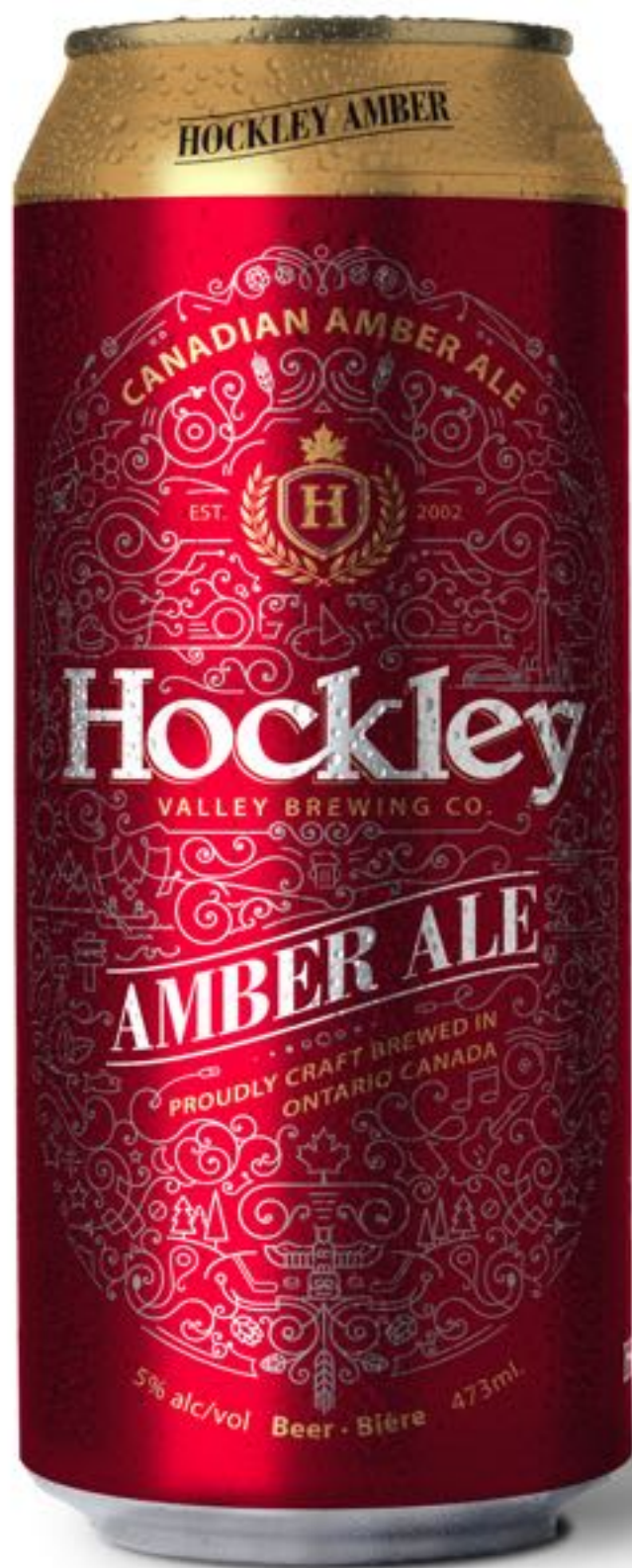


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FOR THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Shelburne passed Development Charges By-laws #19-2020, #20-2020, and #21-2020 on May 11, 2020, under Section 2 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or organization may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) under section 14 of the Act, in respect of the Development Charges By-Laws, by filing with the Clerk of The Town of Shelburne on or before Monday, June 22, 2020, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-laws and the reasons supporting the objection. Appeals filed with the Office of the Clerk at 203 Main Street East, Shelburne, ON L9V 3K7, will be accepted on or before Monday, June 22, 2020. The appellant is advised to contact LPAT to access the required forms and applicable Provincial fees.

The charges in the aforementioned by-laws will apply to all new residential and non-residential development, subject to certain terms, conditions and limited exemptions as identified therein.

**Development Charges By-law Number 19-2020**

Town-wide development charges are levied against new development to pay for the increased capital costs related to the provision of such town services as Fire Protection Services, Police Services, Services Related to a Highway (Public Works Services, Roads and Related Services), Water Services, and Wastewater Services. The development charges are calculated on a "per unit" basis for residential development and on a "square metre" basis for non-residential development. Schedule 1 below sets out the development charge rates applicable throughout the Town of Shelburne. A key map has not been provided as the Town-wide charges apply to all lands located within the boundaries of the Town of Shelburne.

**Development Charges By-law Number 20-2020**

The area-specific by-law establishes the development charges for the School Road Area of the Town and the development charges are only applicable to development occurring within the area outlined in Schedule 2. The services related to the School Road Area are Roads and Related Services.

**Development Charges By-law Number 21-2020**

Area-specific development charges are levied against development in the East Area Road Improvements Area as noted in Schedule 3 below. The services related to the East Area Road Improvements Area are East Area Road Improvements.

The development charges imposed under the By-laws came into effect on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020. Copies of the complete Development Charges By-laws are available upon request by contacting the Clerk and on the Town of Shelburne website at [www.shelburne.ca](http://www.shelburne.ca).

For further information, please contact the Clerk's Office at (519) 925-2600 ext. 223 or by email [jwilloughby@shelburne.ca](mailto:jwilloughby@shelburne.ca).

Dated at the Town of Shelburne this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.

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**SCHEDULE 2**

**BY-LAW No. 20-2020 AREA-SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CHARGES SCHOOL ROAD AREA**

2.1 SCHEDULE OF AREA-SPECIFIC RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Area	Charge by Unit Type			
	Single & Semi-Detached	Multiple Dwelling	Apartments 2+ Bedrooms	Apartments ≤ 1 Bedroom
School Road	\$4,963	\$3,972	\$2,812	\$1,927

2.2 SCHEDULE OF AREA-SPECIFIC NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Area	Non-Residential (\$/sq. m.)
School Road	\$26.17

2.3 LANDS SUBJECT TO SCHOOL ROAD AREA-SPECIFIC CHARGES



**SCHEDULE 1**

**BY-LAW No. 19-2020 – TOWN-WIDE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

1.1 SCHEDULE OF NON-DISCOUNTED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Service	Charge by Unit Type			
	Single & Semi-Detached	Multiple Dwelling	Apartments 2+ Bedrooms	Apartments ≤ 1 Bedroom
Fire Protection Services	\$886	\$710	\$502	\$344
Police Services	\$1,226	\$982	\$695	\$476
<b>Sub-total Protection Services</b>	<b>\$2,112</b>	<b>\$1,692</b>	<b>\$1,197</b>	<b>\$820</b>
<b>Services Related to a Highway</b>				
Public Works	\$705	\$564	\$399	\$274
Roads and Related	\$1,494	\$1,196	\$847	\$580
<b>Sub-total Services Related to a Hwy</b>	<b>\$2,199</b>	<b>\$1,760</b>	<b>\$1,246</b>	<b>\$854</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN-WIDE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$4,311</b>	<b>\$3,452</b>	<b>\$2,443</b>	<b>\$1,674</b>

Water Services	\$3,228	\$2,584	\$1,829	\$1,253
Wastewater Services	\$7,882	\$6,309	\$4,467	\$3,061
<b>TOTAL WATER &amp; WASTEWATER</b>	<b>\$11,110</b>	<b>\$8,893</b>	<b>\$6,296</b>	<b>\$4,314</b>

Town-Wide Charge	\$4,311	\$3,452	\$2,443	\$1,674
Water and Wastewater Services	\$11,110	\$8,893	\$6,296	\$4,314
<b>TOTAL FULLY SERVICED CHARGE</b>	<b>\$15,421</b>	<b>\$12,345</b>	<b>\$8,739</b>	<b>\$5,988</b>

1.2 SCHEDULE OF NON-DISCOUNTED NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Service	Non-Residential (\$/sq. m.)
Fire Protection Services	\$3.80
Police Services	\$5.26
<b>Sub-total Protection Services</b>	<b>\$9.06</b>
<b>Services Related to a Highway</b>	
Public Works	\$3.02
Roads and Related	\$6.40
<b>Sub-total Services Related to a Highway</b>	<b>\$9.42</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN-WIDE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$18.48</b>

Water Services	\$14.64
Wastewater Services	\$35.74
<b>TOTAL WATER &amp; WASTEWATER</b>	<b>\$50.39</b>

Town-Wide Charge	\$18.48
Water and Wastewater Services	\$50.39
<b>TOTAL FULLY SERVICED CHARGE</b>	<b>\$68.87</b>



**SCHEDULE 3**

**BYLAW NUMBER No. 21-2020 AREA-SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CHARGE EAST AREA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AREA**

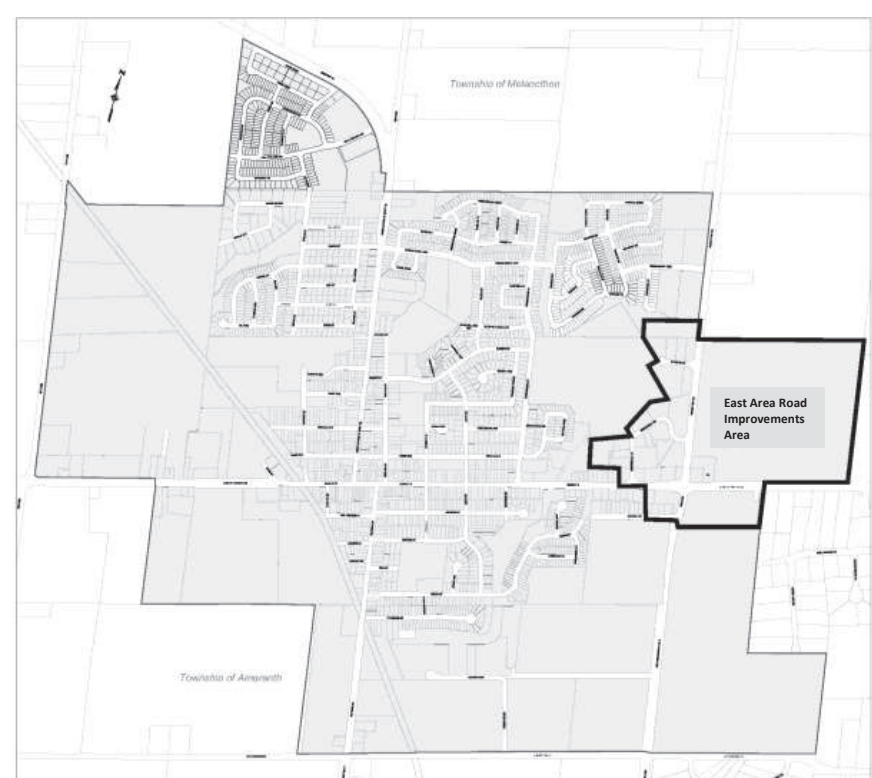
3.1 SCHEDULE OF AREA-SPECIFIC RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Area	Charge by Unit Type			
	Single & Semi-Detached	Multiple Dwelling	Apartments 2+ Bedrooms	Apartments ≤ 1 Bedroom
East Area Road Improvements	\$9,127	\$7,305	\$5,172	\$3,544

3.2 SCHEDULE OF AREA-SPECIFIC NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Area	Non-Residential (\$/sq. m.)
East Area Road Improvements	\$47.93

3.3 LAND SUBJECT TO EAST AREA IMPROVEMENTS AREA-SPECIFIC CHARGES



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# Time, technology let County continue review despite pandemic restrictions

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Consultants and Dufferin County staff have adapted to inconveniences wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic toward completing a Municipal Comprehensive Review started in March.

The MCR process involves the county and its municipalities launching headlong into background research, public consultation, and policy formulation toward an updated Official Plan. The process started with a March 3 open house in Mono.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit and thwarted required public consultations.

Darrell Keenie, the county's director of Planning, Economic Development and Culture updated county council about work done since the review began March 3 with a public open house meeting. His report was prepared for council's May 14 meeting.

He outlined next steps in the MCR process and ways in which WSP, consultants hired by

the county, and Dufferin staff have adapted to overcome pandemic restrictions.

The MCR project is a step toward updating the county's Official Plan. Planning staff have been meeting regularly about the MCR via video conference during pandemic restrictions. Consultants await information from the provincial government to complete the growth management component of the MCR.

The pandemic has caused a delay in getting required feedback from Queen's Park. "Notwithstanding the anticipated delay of growth management data, the county is moving forward on all other MCR components," said Mr. Keenie in his report.

That includes establishing a stakeholder advisory group and public engagement activities via a number of online platforms including Join-In Dufferin and tele/video conferences.

"The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the planning process as governments respond with restrictions on public gather-

ings and decision-makers adapt to electronic remote meetings," says the report.

"Despite these necessary changes, WSP has adapted and remains fully operational and committed to advancing our work with Dufferin County."

In a memo to the county, the consultants say WSP staff are working on the review from their respective homes. Their workplan has been adapted to accommodate public engagement while allowing for physical distancing.

"We will work with the county to develop alternative methods for conducting outreach such as email newsletters to communicate major project updates," according to the WSP memo.

Legislation requires that decisions on Official Plans and amendments be preceded by a special meeting of council and at least one public open house and public meeting. That requirement has not been amended by emergency regulations due to the pandemic.

The Mono open house March 3, 2020 and a special county council meeting March 12 satisfy two of those requirements.

But the pre-pandemic WSP workplan called for additional public engagement events.

"Restrictions on public gatherings due to the pandemic make it impossible to host a traditional open house or public meeting," said the consultants.

"There are opportunities to use technology to invite the public to participate in open video conferencing events online."

Many rural Dufferin residents are excluded from high-speed internet and that makes online open house consultations to be fairly undertaken.

"Thankfully, the MCR is still fairly early in its workplan and it is anticipated that restrictions will likely be relaxed or lifted before work for Phase 1 has been completed," the consultants wrote in their memo to council.

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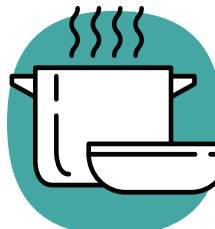
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### McMillen, J. Garnet

Passed away peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Friday, May 15, 2020 at the age of 100. Survived by his son Carl (Anne); grandchildren Lisa (Lynn), Matthew (Annette), Tara, Cyndi (Tim), David (Pam), Tammy (Mike), Michael (Diana); great-grandchildren Carleah, Alexandra, Aaron, Nicholas, Brittany, Meghan, Lauren, Colby, Nathan; Samantha, Xavier, Edith and Isabella; Grady, Tyler and Michaela; Serena, Luke and Brooke; Dylan, Morgan and Thea; Kaitlyn and Alissa; and great-great-grandchildren Mason and Darcy. Predeceased by his wife Jennie, parents John and Gertrude, sons Jim (Betty living) and Allan and daughter-in-law Blanche, grandson Ian, great-great-granddaughter Kylie, brothers Keith and Donald (Jessie still living), and sister Ruth and brother-in-law Ed.



Garnet and Jennie farmed in Mulmur Township for most of their married life. After retirement Garnet enjoyed his wood working and their garden. A private family service will be held. If desired, donations to Shelburne Public Library would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com

### Linton; Frank Arthur



Suddenly at Avalon Care Centre, Orangeville on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020. Caring brother to Ida (the late Pete) Gibson, Hugh (Carmen) Linton, Beth Attwood, Gladys Stoneham and the late Harold Linton. He leaves memories of his laid back nature, his love of sports and family reunions. He is survived by eleven nieces and nephews, eighteen great nieces and nephews and two great great nieces. Frank was predeceased by his parents and nephew Gregory Gibson.

Frank was born to Charles and Christina Linton on June 13, 1949 at Creemore, Ontario. He grew up on a farm at Lavender and attended Dufferin District High School in Shelburne. In 1964 as a cadet he was awarded the Legion trophy for sharpshooting and for best dressed cadet. His work experience included working on a number of Dufferin area farms, in the mines of norther Ontario, and as a plumber apprentice. After receiving an accidental injury at the age of twenty that hospitalized him for a year, he went on to take carpentry courses at Georgian College. Most of his life was spent in Barrie working with various construction companies. Later in life he was a security guard on the Barrie waterfront. Frank enjoyed playing darts in competitive leagues, sketching historical Barrie buildings, operating his small woodworking shop on Anne Street and capturing with his camera the many parades, and outdoor celebrations over the years.

Cremation has taken place. A family and friends memorial service will be arranged for later this summer. Please visit www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca to express condolences and/or make a donation in memory of Frank to a charity of your choice.

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### Foster, E. Loretta

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Loretta will be cremated and interred with Charles. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial Donations may be made to Matthews House or Primrose United Church, c/o Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, 318 Main Street East, Shelburne, Ontario L9V 2Y9

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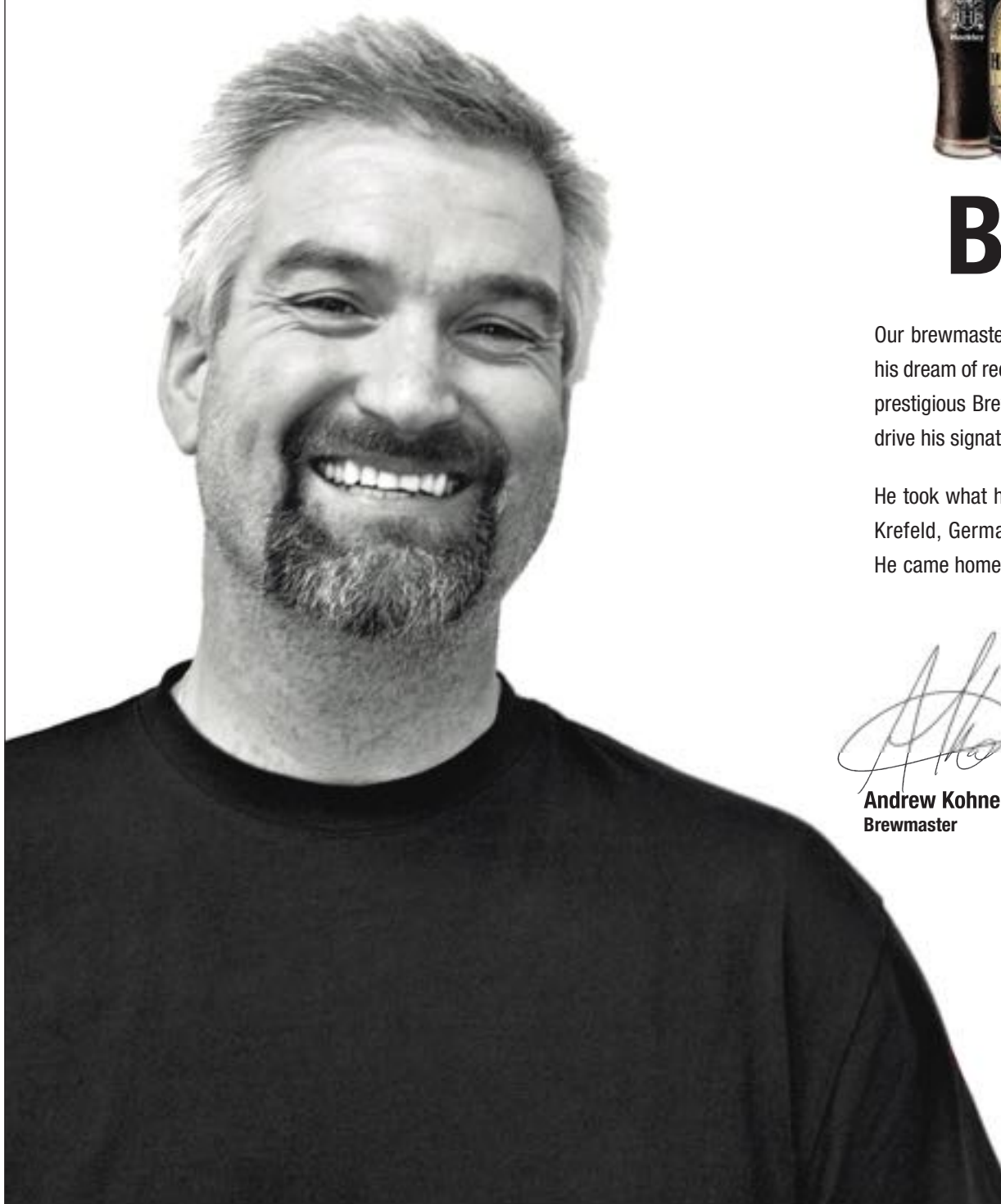




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