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HELPING LOCAL FOOD BANKS: Shelburne's Giant Tiger held a month-long fundraiser throughout May, where customers could donate \$5 for a bag of items to go to the food banks across the region. The store raised a total of \$3,000. They decided to donate \$2,000 worth of gift cards to the Shepherd's Cupboard food bank in Shelburne, and \$1,000 worth of gift cards to the Dundalk food

Dufferin-Caledon region to see \$12 million investment to rural broadband infrastrucure

Written By MIKE BAKER

Many rural households across Dufferin-Caledon will soon be introduced to the 21st century, with Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) set to invest ture community and students." \$12.4 million in a broadband internet infrastructure expansion in the region.

carried out in Dufferin County, with an additional \$5.2 million invested in Caledon. The project, which will improve access to faster, homes in the area, is being co-funded by the hires a firm to complete the work. provincial and federal governments.

Food and Rural Affairs, informed media the and implementation details are included improvements in the Dufferin-Caledon area in the proposals submitted by the service have been given the green light, and that providers during the procurement pro-SWIFT was now in the process of evaluating cess. Therefore, such details will remain ture will be provided after the evaluation is

Caledon be included in this funding. I thank posals," Ms. O'Brien said. "However, it is

don MPP Sylvia Jones told the Free Press. "Reliable internet connection is an important investment for our businesses, agricul-

Specific details surrounding the initiative, particularly regarding the number of homes speed internet, Ms. O'Brien stopped short of Announced on Monday (June 1), the pro-that stand to benefit, is unknown at this posal will see \$7.2 million worth of work time, although it is believed to be a substantial amount. Melissa O'Brien, Manager of Communications and Stakeholder Relations with SWIFT, said more information would reliable internet services for hundreds of be forthcoming as soon as the organization

"The number of premises passed, as well Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, as construction timelines, network designs bids from contractors to complete the work. unknown until SWIFT has completed its "I am very pleased to see Dufferin and evaluation assessment of all compliant pro-Minister Hardeman for working with our important to note that during the evaluation

communities to get this critical infrastruc- process, SWIFT focuses on proposals that ture service that is needed," Dufferin-Cale- result in the best outcomes. Generally, 'best

outcomes' means more homes passed." When asked to elaborate on the technology that would be installed, and how much of a difference this would make to rural homes who, currently, do not have access to highoffering any guarantees.

"This information will remain unknown until after the RFPs have closed, and SWIFT has conducted a formal evaluation of all complaint bids for the Caledon and Dufferin areas," she said. "SWIFT will accept proposals based on Fibre-to-the-home (FTTH), Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC), Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) and wireless technologies as long as they meet the minimum requirement of providing a 50/10 service."

She added, "Announcements of this nacomplete and contracts have been awarded to the internet service providers."

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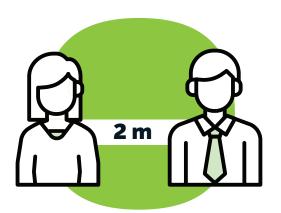


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Residents at Dufferin Oaks are now one step closer to family

Written By MARNI WALSH

those they love.

Fencing has been installed to create a to visit. space for visitors to see and speak with the residents at a safe distance.

Oaks says the new social distancing visiting area at Dufferin Oaks was initiated by Cathy residence. She says, Ms. Robertson brought forward the idea to the management team "after she and her husband realized that his company may be able to help support distanced visits for residents and families."

Fence Rentals, and his crew, worked with Dufferin Oaks maintenance department to set up the area says Benda Wagner. Construction started the week of May 18th and families peace of mind to see their loved scheduled visits started the following week.

"We have been able to host over 50 visits so far," says the Administrator. "Currently, in Oaks "continue to be so grateful to our we are able to have one resident visit at a families and the community for their ongotime, but based on need, we are looking at ing support during this very difficult time. expanding the area to enable more visits." We look forward to the time when we can She says that although the area is covered, open the home up to visitors once again." the visits are weather dependent.

We've set the visits up to be 20-30 minutes, however, residents can access the out-After spending months in isolation due to door area of the home at any time. People COVID-19, residents at Dufferin Oaks long need to distance themselves a minimum of term care facility in Shelburne, are one step 6 feet from each other. Currently, due to the closer to being reunited, in person, with overall demand we are trying to limit one visit per week to give all residents a chance

Brenda Wagner says, "All visits must be scheduled in advance with our Program and Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Support Services Manager, Angie Matthews. Guidelines include not visiting if you are unwell, respecting social distancing guide-Roberston, a personal support worker at the lines, staying in the designated area, and being mindful of poor weather which may impact the ability to visit."

"We've had many positive comments from both families and residents," says Brenda Wagner. "While the implementation of virtu-Mr. Robertson, a director with Modu Loc al face time visits have been very beneficial, seeing your loved one in person is much better. It gives our residents something very positive to look forward to and it gives our one in person."

She says the staff and residents at Duffer-



NEW INITIATIVE: Residents enjoying spending time with visitors at a safe distance last week in the brand new Dufferin Oaks' visiting space.

Changes to Blue Box recycling program could soon be coming to Dufferin County

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin County has thrown support behind an effort to have producers pay all costs to collect and recycle the materials for which their responsible.

County council agreed during its May 28 meeting to stand by the Municipalities Association Ontario in its effort to change the setup of the Blue Box Program.

Changes to the program have been in the works since 2019.

Environment, Conservation and Parks Minister Jeff Yurek said the change will take municipal taxpayers off the hook for the program's costs. Producers of products and packaging will become completely responsible.

full producer responsibility will promote curbside residential Blue Boxes has become innovation and increase Ontario's recycling a frequent occurrence. rates while saving taxpayers money," Yurek said in August 2019.

"This shift is a big step towards diverting waste, addressing plastic pollution and cre-tually theft," he said. ating a new recycling economy that everyone can be proud of in Ontario."

Given the terms of the county's current coffers through recycling. collection and processing contracts, a tran-

with the collections contractor to align with revenue for it." the 2023 timeline.

time of much uncertainty and would bridge other issue in play associated with thefts of the county into the new producer responsi-recyclables. And that should be addressed bility framework," reads a report to council when details about the program changes are by Public Works Director Scott Burns.

Dufferin's recyclables processing contract expires May 31, 2023.

overkill as far as packaging is concerned," said Councillor Bob Currie, Amaranth's mayor. "What it's going to be is the producer these people feel they have to get money of the garbage, the extra packaging, is going to feed their families, there are alternatives to have to pay for it."

This avoids a new long-term contract at a time of much uncertainty and would bridge the county into the new producer responsibility framework

Scott Burns **Dufferin County Public Works Director**

Coun. Sandy Brown, who is also Orangeville's mayor, said early morning thefts of "Transitioning the Blue Box Program to recyclable aluminum cans and bottles from

> "And that is dipping into our funds we get from the recycling," said Coun. Brown. "People taking things out of Blue Bins is ac-

> Coun. Currie said there's a few hundred thousand dollars annually put into county

"Aluminum is worth money," he said. "You sition in 2023 is optimal for Dufferin County. might think you only have a few tins of your In Dufferin, the curbside collections con- own but, if you put that across the whole tract expires May 31, 2022. A further one- county, there's quite a few tonnes of metal year extension will need to be negotiated every year and Dufferin (County) gets the

Coun. Steve Anderson, Shelburne's dep-"This avoids a new long-term contract at a uty mayor, recognized there could be anbrought to the public, he said.

"In addition to letting people know there are consequences for the theft, I would also "The way it is now, in some instances, it's point out any resources that are available for people who are in need," said Coun. Anderson. "If these thefts are occurring because that will not get you in the hands of the law."



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Working from home

The media was filled with stories and interviews from top officials this past week encouraging to people to 'continue to work from home.'

The obvious reasoning is if you aren't going into work you won't be spreading the COVID-19 virus to your office space.

That sounds great, coming from a bunch of people whose world revolves around an office type environment in downtown Toronto. What seemed to be lacking in the directive is the understanding that for many, probably most people across Ontario, working from home is not

While the directive is well-intentioned, it simply is not practical for most people who want to continue to earn a pay

Some companies have adapted quite well to a home based environment - at least for the time being.

One major radio station I listen to on a regular basis has equipped all their hosts with the ability to broadcast from home, and it's working quite well.

This new home-based working environment is a relatively new concept and is only practical for some people based on the ability to transmit electronic infor-

mation via e-mail and the internet. In the case of the radio station, the ability to utilize modern technology allows them to send out broadcasts over the airways in a way that would not have been possible just 30 years ago.

Prior to internet availability, the only people who could really work from home were those who were self employed and had a home based business and office.

However, what if your work is that of a more practical hands-on nature?

I'm not sure receiving instructions via Skype from your dentist on how to drill and fill that problem tooth will work to your advantage, no matter how thoroughly your dentist explains the proce-

The list of people who can't work from home is huge.

That list includes pretty much everyone working in the trades and related business. I can't think of a single trade where you could accomplish the job from a home office.

The entire transportation industry, and that includes the big rigs that distribute food across the continent, is based on getting out there and doing the job. If truck drivers decided to stay home, we would be in trouble very soon as supply lines dried up.

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Not only would you not be able to find an apple in the grocery store, good luck getting parts for your car or a new part for your refrigerator or furnace.

Prior to leaving the warehouse, that new alternator you need for your car needs to be manufactured. While the engineers who design them may be able to get away with working from home, the people who actually build them can't. That includes machinists and anyone involved in putting an alternator together, and the people who work on the loading dock and get them in the trucks for deliv-

That new car you've been hoping to buy because the old clunker is just about ready to give up, isn't built by people in their home garage. It is assembled by a lot of people who need to go into work to get the job done.

I've heard many people say they envy those that can work from home. Just think - no commute, no getting dressed up for the job – just walk down the hall to your home office and start your day.

That may sound ideal to some, but the reality for many people is that their life

at work is a big part of their social experience.

FROM THE SECOND ROW

BRIAN LOCKHART

When you're working from home on a daily basis, those

four walls in your home office can close in on you pretty fast. Distractions come easily and frequently.

Part of the experience of working outside of your home is the social interaction with co-workers, clients, and visitors to your place of business.

For many, those daily interactions make life interesting.

Mental health experts have been warning that the current 'stay at home' directives have been impacting the ability of some people to cope with isolation. Especially those who are already experiencing mental health issues.

People who have such issues can thrive on meeting other people and just getting out there and being part of soci-

Working at home is a temporary solution to a temporary problem.

The sooner we get back to regular social interaction, the better it will be for all of us.

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Time to open, test and trace

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health units for an ability to have the anti-COVID-19 rules reflect actual conditions, the Ontario legislature has voted to extend the state of emergency to the end of this month.

What this means is that the same rules will apply everywhere in this province of 14 million, where roughly 400 new cases of the coronavirus are detected each day along with a significant number of deaths.

We long ago heard that public health authorities had recommended, and the Ford government accepted, that the virtual lockdown of the province should

continue until there had been at least 14 days of declines in

both new cases and deaths. The problem has been that clearly you cannot safely return to having theatres, sporting events and exhibitions open anywhere there is real evidence of 'community spread' of this highly contagious

virus which has taken more than 380,000 lives worldwide, 108,000 of them in the United States

and 7,400 in Canada. Even in Ontario, the death toll has reached nearly 3000. However, about 80 per cent of those who died were in long-term-care facilities and roughly the same percentage were in the Golden Horseshoe, Windsor and Ottawa.

Even in our local public health unit, covering the city of Guelph and counties of Dufferin and Wellington, the death toll has been relatively miniscule, at 35, and the number of new cases plummeted in May. Although there have been outbreaks in Shelburne Residence, Dufferin Oaks and one Guelph facility, all the outbreaks have been declared over.

We strongly suspect that if the Province permitted local public health units to determine when and to what extent the local economy should be freed from continuing restrictions, even WDG Public Health would see no continuing need to bar theatres and barber shops from re-opening, so long as staffs and customers wore masks and didn't use the facilities if they had a fever or sniffles.

And if that's the case here, what about farther north, where Grey and Bruce

DESPITE CALLS by local public counties have had no COVID-19 deaths, or Northern Ontario, where the Sudbury District has had just 64 cases and two deaths, with no new cases for weeks?

> As we see it, the Province ought to allow all local public health units to set rules that reflect their local conditions rather than the situation in places like the GTA.

> The idea would be to allow what amounts to a pre-COVID normality in any area where the universal wearing of masks and social distancing accompanied by widespread testing and tracing would leave us in a situation where hospitals could easily deal with an out-

break of the sort witnessed in northern New Brunswick, where one doctor failed to self-isolate for 14 days after making a social visit to hardhit Quebec and managed to infect literally hundreds of his patients in both nursing homes and a hospital.

Had there been immediate testing of the physician, the outbreak could have been dealt with effectively, without forcing a return to

localized lockdowns and threatening to cause the province's first COVID-related death.

As is already being witnessed in many U.S. states, it will be pointless to invite the general public to resume their old shopping habits if there is reasonable suspicion that the virus is still present in the local community. After all, it is invisible and the best way you'll get folks into stores is through a combination of testing the local populace and tracing each and every outbreak.

Were this the approach adopted by Queen's Park, we might well see a safe return of both sports and arts activities in most of the province, and tougher moves in the remaining 'hot spots' aimed at securing an economic revival.

Meanwhile, a top priority for the government will be to secure a speedy conclusion of the planned investigation into the causes behind the huge death toll in long-term-care facilities, which must be accompanied by procurement of enough personal protective equipment to cope with the expected new wave of COVID-19 next fall.



Shelburne's 'Enchanting Esthetics' invests in creative change

Written By MARNI WALSH

The new renovations at Enchanting Es- to see what Jasmine was doing. thetics and More have received praise from the Free Press.

The changes represent a long term investment for client safety with creative flare.

As businesses across the province pre-

executive at KTH, has had the opportunity to meet with many business as they prepare to reopen, and he feels Enchanting Esthetics honorary family, and I can't tell you how imand More "stood out among the rest."

Coun. Hall says owner, Jasmine McCabe, mine says. "has looked at the things that must be done, and has made the commitment to invest in pre-screened before every visit, staff will the changes, rather then just a short term wear face shields, masks, clients also must temporary fix."

burne. After completing a Sheridan College ing will be completed after each client. esthetics program in 2008, Jasmine knew she wanted returned to Shelburne to set up the luxury of offering magazines, books, shop. Now, 12 years later, Jasmine is a mother of two, and her business has grown from clients, and will only be offering bottled wa-"a one person service to offering multiple ter at this time,' says Ms. McCabe. "We are services in one location."

"Today, things have become a challenge," she told the Free Press. "COVID-19 has 12, and only one child per guardian will be closed down our business along with many allowed in the salon at a time. We are preothers. Trying to turn a negative into a positive, during this time, our team has worked salon to reopen and return to serving our hard to take extra courses to keep up on clients." new techniques and to understand how to prepare to reopen and serve our clients in preciative and thankful for the assistance our safe environment."

That worth ethic has certainly impressed Coun. Hall.

most," says Councillor Hall, "is her dedica- clean, caring atmosphere at 108 Main Street tion." He says, "She obviously spent time West." and money to create a specific ambience in her store, and really put a lot of thought into how COVID-19 was going to impact that."

Coun. Hall notes that, in an effort to support local businesses with their restart, a small group of business minded people have

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gathered to help. Being one of those people, the councillor says he had the opportunity

"She had the vision to really look towards a Shelburne Councillor, and the attention of making these new safety measures meet the 'feel' of her store - it is outstanding," he sad. "The first thing that comes to mind, is ment by owner Jasmine McCabe, in both who could make plexiglass looks so good!" customer service and customer confidence, he says. Turning an expense into an investas the entrepreneur adapts her establishment, is not always easy to do, and I feel she has done it in the best way possible."

Jasmine McCabe is proud to say that it was pare for the eventuality of reopening when her sister, Jade, also an entreprenneur as the health and safety conditions allow, owners owner of Jade's Junkyard Jems, who made and managers have been brainstorming the new plexiglass installations at Enchantstrategies for adapting to the 'new normal' in ing Esthetics "look so good." Jasmine says order to maximize staff and customer safety. her sister "designed and installed 'classy' Shelburne Councillor, Shane Hall, a senior Lexan, a thicker type of plexiglass, to ensure each client has a specific safe area."

> "Many of our clients have become our portant each and every client is to us," Jas-

"Additionally," she adds, "Clients will be wear a mask, and sanitize their hands upon Jasmine McCabe was raised on her parentry, wear gloves when applicable, and apents' farm in Amaranth, and attended Cen-pointments will be carefully scheduled to tre Dufferin District High School in Shel- avoid overlaps, and disinfecting and steriliz-

"Unfortunately, we have had to take away games, coffee, tea and hot chocolate to our asking only one guardian to come with their child to their appointment, under the age of pared to conform to all standards set for our

The esthetics owner says she is "very apthrough the support of the Town."

She says, "Once we are given the go ahead to open our doors, we are ready and we "The thing I would say that inspired me look forward to serving our clients in a safe,



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A JOB WELL DONE: Jasmine McCabe and her sister Jade have worked hard to create a safe, creative space for Jasmine's clients at Enchanting Esthetics and More at 108 Main Street West in Shelburne.



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courthouse repairs

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin council will dip into a reserve fund to cover extra costs required to repair the county's courthouse on Zina Street in Orangeville.

Councillor Bob Currie, Amaranth's mayor, said during a recent council meeting the price tag associated with transporting chimney bricks from overseas is one of the reasons for the cost over-run. The project requires an additional \$70,795. Initially, the tender awarded to Clifford Restoration was pegged at \$1,040,700.

County council agreed to use money from its Courthouse Capital Reserve.

"The bricks aren't here from Europe," said Coun. Currie. "And we're 70K short of the tender."

Work includes the design and construction to replace Courthouse chimneys, its slate roof repair, select architectural metal and wood restoration, and window repaint work. With design completed in 2019, construction is scheduled to start this year.

"It was an item in last year's budget," said Coun. Currie. "It wasn't done. Hopefully it will be done this year. But the bricks have to get from Europe over to Dufferin County."

The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic has delayed the project, which was planned before the health crisis.

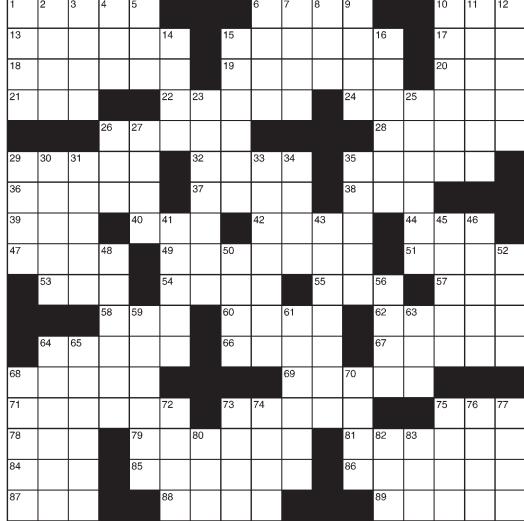
Custom masonry to match the style and appearance of the existing Courthouse envelope was pre-ordered last year, well before the social distancing and social lockdowns that came into effect in March 2020.

The county requires contractors conform to best practices related to COVID-19 such as physical distancing. That may result in changes in scheduling and project sequencing. Supply chains have been and will continue to feel impacts of the pan-

It's anticipated the bricks will be delivered in July.

"I feel it should be the chimneys that are completed first, before we do the roof," Coun. Currie said. "When the chimneys, what's there now, are dismantled ... if a few bricks fall on the roof and that's specialized material, you're going to have to do the roof over again."

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SHELBURNE

Shelburne Vets lacrosse team awaiting direction from OLA

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

governing body for the sport in the prov- the Midget division. ince - has mandated that all in-person activities are prohibited until after July 1, will be back on the floor any time soon.

Even if restrictions on playing the sport

Most municipalities across the province proceed with club activities. have stopped accepting booking of facilities at least until September and there extended further.

Even if facilities open in the fall, lacrosse clubs across the province won't be able to the OLA who have extended again their play at that time as most venues will be decision until June 15, with a final of July putting in the ice to get ready for hockey 1, as deadline for any lacrosse to happen,"

The Shelburne Vets Lacrosse Club runs a Trood. The Ontario Lacrosse Association – the series of divisions from paperweights up to

There has been no activity with the Club since March when the OLA made the decihowever that doesn't mean lacrosse teams sion to postpone or cancel all lacrosse training and meetings.

However sports which include close operation.

"We are presently awaiting word from

As with most sports, rules and regulato the minors who generally follow suit.

has cancelled all national box lacrosse training. Only two sports – tennis and golf – have championships for this season already," are lifted, they won't have any place to play. been given the green light in Ontario to Mr. Trood explained. "The Major Lacrosse start for hockey, and many lacrosse players C have already cancelled their season. contact between players, and that includes Zone 8 minor, which is the Guleph Kitchis a reasonable chance that date may be lacrosse, are a ways off from being back in ener Brantford area, have also cancelled as well. I personally don't see any season cancelled this year and will hopefully get happening this year but we are awaiting an back up and running for training in the official word from the OLA."

> Even if restrictions are lifted, the very nature of arenas in Ontario will put any

said Shelburne Vets club president Barry lacrosse activity on the back burner as far as sports go.

When, and if, things are up and running tions are made in the big leagues and inforagain after the summer, the arenas teams mation and new procedures trickle down play in will have ice in the them meaning there would be a lot of competition for any "The Canadian Lacrosse Association venues suitable for lacrosse practice and

With September being the traditional League (Senior A), Senor B, and Junior also play hockey, the transition to winter sports will likely see the lacrosse season have an empty record book this year.

> Junior level lacrosse has already been winter months prior to the 2021 season.



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Ontario soccer association planning 'phased in' approach to summer sport yet any indication of a time-line for the re-Written By BRIAN LOCKHART Ontario Soccer, the governing body of the pectation that a decision will be made some

sport in Ontario, says there will be a 'phased' time in June. in' approach to the return of soccer in Onboth the national and provincial level.

Currently each provincial or territorial tives before starting games this summer. Soccer Association is working on a specific 'Return to Play Guide' that will include safe- has reached the peak earlier than anticipatty protocols and recommendations.

The guides will included subjects that tional soccer authorities as well as by medical authorities at the provincial and territorial level.

guide this week and it will be submitted to tember." Canada Soccer for review.

will be reviewed nationally. Guides will be tration fees due to the current situation. designed to protect the health and safety of participants in the sport.

Each club in a district must then be recreational use. cleared and approved to play before getting back out on the soccer pitches.

At the present time in Ontario, there is not

turn to the sport, however, there is some ex-

The Shelburne Soccer Club has hopes of tario this summer that is being prepared at getting back out on the soccer pitches in July, however, they still must wait for direc-

"Keeping with the current news, Ontario ed successfully flattening the curve through social distancing, said Shelburene Soccer clubs must comply with as directed by na- Club president, Chris Valade, through an on-line video on the Club's Facebook page. "With this in mind, we are confident our soccer season will commence in July with a full Ontario Soccer plans to finalize their ten weeks of play through august and Sep-

The Club has made accommodations for As each province submits a guided, it those who may have difficulty paying regis-

> Soccer fields are currently open, but only for those who are family members and for

> Large groups of people are still not allowed to congregate on any town property.



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Baseball season may yet be salvaged

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

itoring the COVID-19 situation and waiting for vincial regulations permit the resumption of a directive from the provincial government on baseball activities. These requirements will how to proceed with games this summer.

tryouts and was waiting for May 1, to make a de- local directives as they take priority over any cision on what to do next. As that date passed, the temporary cancellation of all baseball activ- Ontario." ities was was extended.

Currently the OBA is looking at June 15, as a time, however, just not with teammates. go date – although that is only a goal and may yet again be pushed back

safety of the baseball community," the organi- ual reintroduction to sporting activities. zation said in a statement. "While the COVID-19 prepare and respond accordingly. At this time and based on the guidelines of the provincial government and public health authorities, the across the province and is keep executive mem-

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remains in effect through June 15, 2020. We will be providing an update on the work of the Safe Baseball may still have a sporting chance this Sport Committee is doing to prepare return to train / return to play, guidelines. The return to The Ontario Baseball Association is still mon-baseball can begin once municipal and prodiffer from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, so it is The OBA originally postponed early season important that everyone be well versed on the recommendation or guidelines from Baseball

Players can get some practice in during this

The Province announced that the use of batting cages can resume as part of the re-opening "Baseball Ontario remains committed to the phase. This is part of the attempt to have a grad-

The ban on groups of people continues so situation remains fluid, we are continuing to having a team practice or tryouts is not being monitor the situation so that we can plan, considered. The current situation affects thousands of minor baseball players across Ontario.

The OBA is in contact with member clubs



during the current COVID-19 crisis. "We try to keep the shelves full. We are keeping up with demand and

Kirk and rest of the team at Foodland are working

hard to provide the services and groceries we all need.

When he's not at work, Kirk enjoys keeping busy. After

moving into a new home he has been spending time getting his new digs in order as well as "gardening,

the whole social distancing situation."

hiking, and just being outside."

Our Readers Write

Shelburne Police Service - save our other community heroes

demic. While we are 'social distancing' during our police service. this period of COVID-19, we give thanks to all disease.

being lost... Again.

and security are paramount to our commu- These decisions are made by the Police Sernity and our local police service provides vices Board in consultation with Town Counthe public with policing services that are cil. aligned and integrated with other local pubcitizens.

We must not forget that the existence of the Shelburne Police Service is being chal- Town Council puts the nail in the coffin! lenged by the mayor and members of Town Council as they will be 'seriously' considering the demise of our service for purely economic reasons.

Town Council's decision to transition to the OPP is just around the corner and will take place after the OPP present their proposal possibly in June or July 2020. To confirm 'key' date(s) please contact Denyse Morrissey, CAO, or Jennifer Willoughby, Clerk, at 519-

As a citizen you need to speak up again to let Town Council know how you feel about protect the Canadian people. retaining the Shelburne Police Service. Write, call, email or text them today!

Town Council has been very evasive, and in next election in 2022.

We all are affected by the COVID-19 pan-they reported the costs for the retention of ing games, fun and play things.

those who protect us from this most horrific listed all costs in the first year. Why could the increase in supervision and staffing not The Shelburne Police Services are at risk of be phased in over years as has been the past practice? The issues of increased supervision protected by our local police service. Safety discussed with past Police Services Boards. others are valued for being oh so delicate and

We must let our Town Council know how lic services. The provision of local policing is we value and support our Shelburne Police specific to the needs of our community and Service. Please express your support by email, text or phone calls.

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Shelburne resident

Shameful attitudes

He crossed the ocean into Canada, likely at years and I want to make up for that now. his own expense, and was sent straight to 14 days of isolation. He will not see his family, maybe for years. Being interviewed on our a number of police officers last week, who airway he said it is ok if that is the way to

Folks like him are to most people just temporary foreign workers.

Another set of people crossed the ocean. my opinion not very straightforward with the apparently at the cost of taxpayers, returning public. They have taken an approach which to Canada from vacation, perhaps, and were is hurtful to it's citizens when Town Council sent to 14 days of isolation. They found it hasn't the respectful decency to put all the unreasonable and unbearable to be asked to facts on the table. Town Council's inadequate spend time with their families in fine Canacommunication skills will be evident at the dian hotels with cable, flat screen TV, smart phones, room service and relaxation, for the An example of Council's political manner protection of the Canadians. The good tax is that they have not questioned staff when payers had to quickly send them kits contain-

The CAO's report dated January 20, 2020 from their families to come serve the highly presence sometimes seems not to help. But privileged, and very hard to please?

keep history in the present?

Some were always considered right for fit for luxuries.

Gloria Ramnath

Let's start a conversation

I watched on television yesterday as the police chief of Minneapolis told the interviewer news from happening here. that the three police officers of his police department who stood around and did nothing from the many newcomers who now call this to prevent the death of George Floyd, were place home to the people who have called all complicit in his murder - by their silence Dufferin County home for generation upon Len Mikulich and inaction. This made me think about my own silence and inaction on racism too.

> As an older white man of privilege I realize I have been wrong in being silent all these now becoming quite familiar with Zoom!

A young black woman in Toronto fell 24 floors to her death while in the presence of me at jeff.thespian@gmail.com went to see her on a 'wellness check'. Her name is Regis Korchinski-Paquet.

The police are, perhaps, not the best

trained in conversing with people who are Isn't it just easy to uproot the destitute going through mental health issues and their how do we provide the necessary help for Is this how the history books on the shelves people in stress and in need in situations such as these?

I am wondering if there are people out Please remember that our community is and the police facility are not new and were rough, hard and laborious drudgery while there who may wish to join me in a conversation on these issues in our own community? I say this because I have only lived in Dufferin County for the last 5 years, but I have noticed that the face of this mainly-white communi-Shelburne resident ty has changed a lot in a very short period of time. I think there may be a need for ordinary people to come together to try and help prevent the type of problems we have seen in the

> So I wish to invite you to a conversation generation. Discussions will be respectful and inclusive. We are limited these days in how we are able to meet but many of us are

> Please me know if you would like to be part of this conversation for change, by e-mailing

I hope many of you will be in touch!

Jeffrey Cottam, Mono resident

Continued from FRONT

Dufferin-Caledon region to see \$12 million investment to rural broadband infrastructure

The work to be carried out in Dufferin pleased to hear his community stands to County and Caledon is part of the Ontario benefit to the tune of more than \$5 million. government's Broadband and Cellular Acstand to benefit from the project.

Dufferin County Warden Darren White ty in rural Ontario," Mr. White said. has often spoke of the need to expand broadband services across the region during his and formalize agreements with service protime on county council. Following Monday's viders in July. announcement, he was understandably

"Dufferin County is happy to have the tion Plan, which is expected to generate up Province of Ontario as a partner and drivto \$1 billion in broadband investment across ing force behind the SWIFT program. We are the province over the next five years. Ap- glad to have partners that understand now, proximately 220,000 homes and businesses more than ever, that access to reliable, resilient and strong rural broadband is a necessi-

SWIFT is expected to award contracts



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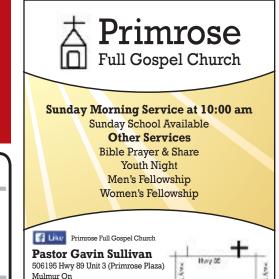
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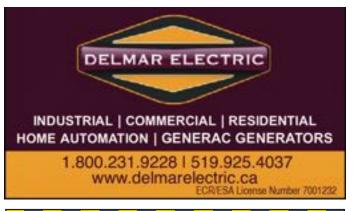






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