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Face masks must be worn in stores, businesses as County enters Phase 2 of provincial reopening

Written By PAULA BROWN

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has issued an order requiring all persons to wear face masks while visiting local stores and businesses.

"The best available evidence indicates face coverings reduce the possibility of transmission of COVID-19," said Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph. "By ensuring we can move to Phase 2 in the safest way possible, we are all making an investment in a safer community."

Made as Dufferin enters Phase 2 of reopening in the wake of COVID-19, the order was issued by Dr. Mercer at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday (June 10) and will come into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 12.

"I fully support the order issued today by Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health for the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Unit, requiring the use of face masks in commercial establishments," said County Warden Dar-

ren White. "As Dr. Mercer and other health professionals have explained, the use of face coverings is effective in limiting the spread of COVID-19. With the opening up of additional businesses in our region, as part of the move to Stage 2 in the provincial plan, I expect it will be quite busy in Dufferin County establishments in the coming days."

The order requires anyone who owns or operates a commercial establishment in the health unit's jurisdiction to prohibit access for anyone not wearing a face mask. A media release from Dufferin County says face masks must be worn inside these businesses at all times. It also requires that alcohol-based hand sanitizer be available at entrances and exits.

"Commercial establishment is any commercial premises used for the purposes of offering goods or services to members of the public," said Danny Williamson, a communications specialist at WDG Public Health.

Phase 2 will see more businesses and services allowed to reopen while following

health and safety protocols. A few of the businesses and services allowed to reopen include outdoor dining restaurants, hair salons, outdoor recreational facilities and camp grounds.

"I understand that this may prove challenging for some local businesses," said Warden White. "We all want our businesses to be successful and as we adjust to this new reality it is important to take measures that will mitigate the need for future closures."

A fine of up to \$5,000 will be issued for non-compliance to the order for every day or part of each day. Along with the Public Health order, municipalities will also be issuing their own with Dufferin County addressing a bylaw at the next meeting.

An exemption for wearing a face masks applies to children under the age of two, and if wearing a face covering will inhibit a person's ability to breathe or there is any other medical reason a face mask cannot be safely worn.

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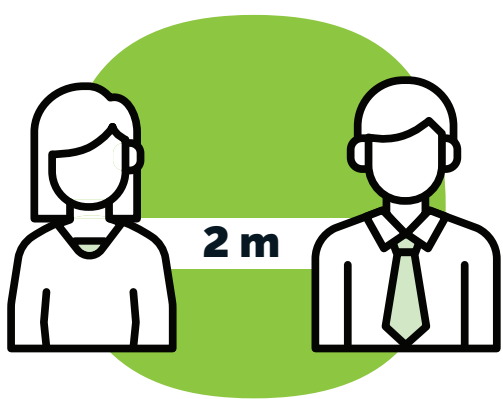
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Mayor Wade Mills vows 'to do more' to combat racism

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Monday night's Council meeting heard two proclamations from Mayor Wade Mills, one proclaiming June as Pride Month in Shelburne and the second, proclaiming June 21st as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town. Following these, the Mayor expressed his thoughts on an issue that would become almost the theme of this meeting, racism and the reactions to it.

Mayor Mills said that he personally felt that he could and should do more about confronting this issue, so recently amplified by the murder of George Floyd, a black man, by a police officer, in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25.

The mayor said that the "silence of friends, not the words of enemies, allows racism to flourish and exist."

He appealed to all to take part in the abolition of racism, both in Shelburne and throughout the world. He expressed his personal conviction to deal with the issue. The mayor also mentioned the upcoming, peaceful demonstration being organized by two CDSS graduates, on June 14th, which both he and Deputy Mayor Anderson will be attending.

BDO report

Following the proclamations, Council got down to the business at hand and first up was the auditors report from BDO, for the year 2019.

Presented by, Traci Smith and Angela Nichols, the report gave Shelburne a "Clean Opinion", meaning no irregularities were found in the Town's bookkeeping. The Consolidated Audit included all municipal enterprises, either owned or controlled by Council, The Shelburne Public Library Board, Town of Shelburne Business Improvement Area, Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex and The Shelburne and District Fire Department.

The Town's net financial assets amounted to \$5.6 million and the non-financial assets amounted to \$66 million. These included things such as buildings and equipment. Town revenue was pegged at \$15 million, with expenses of some \$12.6 million, which left the Town with an annual surplus of \$2.4 million. In 2019, the Town saw an increase in its net

financial assets of \$3 million, bringing the net financial assets at year end to \$5.6 million. Over the past five years, the Town reserves have been increasing, long term debt has decreased and capital assets have remained the same. Since capital assets have a life expectancy, this indicates that not sufficient upgrades are being made to these assets.

The Treasurer, Carey Holmes explained that this was partially due to the Town not receiving the grant funding required to accomplish some of these upgrades. She noted that with the receipt of the connecting link grants this year, the next audit would show an uptick in capital assets enhancements.

Overall, the Town was shown to be in good financial health, with available capital of \$10.2 million, a net debt of \$5.6 million, capital assets of \$66 million and reserves of \$11.5 million going into 2020.

Reopening of Town Hall

CAO Denyse Morrissey followed the audit presentation with a report on the re-opening of Town Hall, stating that current plans are set for this to occur on July 6th, due to the recent announcements from the Province concerning the COVID 19 response.

She also stated that, at present, the earliest return to in-person Council meetings, would be mid to late July, or early August. However, should the Council decide to continue its State of Emergency Declaration, beyond that of the Province, this date could be pushed into fall or even 2021.

OPP timelines

In a second report, the CAO outlined the time lines for the OPP costing and the subsequent public meeting. Both of these, will be virtual, not in-person meetings.

The costing will be presented to Council on June 22nd, at 6:30 pm and the public meeting will be held July 7th, also at 6:30. Both meetings, as stated, will be a virtual format. Because of this, any public questions must be submitted prior to the meeting and the public wishing to participate in the meeting must register prior to the meeting date. This requirement is to protect their privacy and to prevent any unauthorized participation.

There will also be a survey conducted on

the Town website. The survey should run from June 8th until early July. All final dates will be made available in the near future.

Racism task force

A Notice of Motion was presented by Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson concerning the formation of a Task Force, to deal with anti-black racism, racism and discrimination in Shelburne. The task force would be given two months to study the issues and present recommendations to Council.

All of this is in light of the recent events in both Canada and the United States. The Deputy Mayor presented nine names to be appointed to the task force. These are, Alethia O'Hara Stephenson, as chairperson, Geer Harvey, Chief Moore, Ken Topping, Althea Casamento, Bella Carter, Shyanne Ricci, Soha Soloman and Simran Bhamu. The last three, being younger members of the community, to present a wider range of opinion and experiences.

In addition, Mayor Mills and Deputy Mayor Anderson would sit on the committee as observers, but without a vote.

The overall response from Council was highly supportive of this initiative, with Coun. Walter Benotto heartily endorsing it, stating that the timing was excellent in view of current events and the fact that racism still exists in Shelburne.

To back up that statement, he recalled campaigning with the Deputy Mayor and having one homeowner they canvassed, agreeing to take Walter's campaign literature, but refusing to accept Mr. Anderson's. Council agreed to waive the procedural bylaw in this case and the motion was heard and passed immediately.

Other business

In other business, Town Clerk Jennifer Willoughby was appointed the Town's Community Emergency Management Coordinator and Patti Hossie are alternate. This was predicated by the Town entering into an agreement with the County, for the delivery of emergency management services. Subsequently Jennifer and Patti received the required training and were certified just prior to the lockdown.

In Council Inquiries, deputy Mayor Ander-

son asked the CAO for a status update on 420 Victoria St. and was told that due to the COVID-19 outbreak, things were set back at the moment, but that an update should come forth in late July or early August.

The Deputy Mayor then presented a photo, that had been on Facebook, of an artwork created by local resident Brooklyn Higgins. The painting depicts two arms outstretched across a background of world flags. One is black and the other a translucent white and both are reaching for each other. He requested, that the piece be shown in the Town Hall Lobby.

As the Town Hall is not yet open, CAO Morrissey suggested that perhaps it could be hung at the Library first and then moved to Town Hall, while Jennifer Willoughby added that perhaps displaying it on an easel would give it greater presence. In addition, CAO Denyse Morrissey said that the Library might be able to advertise it on their educational presentations and give some of its background story as well.

The idea was strongly accepted and an outreach will be made to facilitate this. The deputy mayor finished by asking if the Town could reach out to a speaker to present a dialogue on the effects of racism and discrimination. He proposed that any fees could be paid from the funds currently set aside for attending conferences, by Council members.

And finally, Coun. Kyle Fegan presented an update on the construction of the Canadian Flag, which is to be coloured by hand prints before being hung in Jack Downing Park and finally in the pavilion at Fiddle Park.

He suggested that it be painted in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, June 20th and that both Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones be asked to participate. The discussion was held as to the use of the lot, as it has cars that use it daily, as well as the police vehicles and a suggestion was made to do it in Jack Downing Park, as there are two walkways there and it would allow for proper social distancing. Both the Town's website and its digital signboards would be used to advertise the project.

In the end, the venue was left open but the painting will definitely take place June 20th,

Shelburne residents plan BLM march in stance against racism

Written By PAULA BROWN

While protests continue across Ontario, Canada and the U.S., in response to the death of George Floyd and the uprising of the Black Lives Matter movement, a peaceful march will take place in Shelburne this weekend in a stand against racism.

"It's important to show the people of Shelburne that it's something that is wrong, we should acknowledge it and we should all stick together as a community to help others feel supported and fight racism," says Shyanne Ricci, one of the organizers of the protest.

The local protest is one of many similar events taking place across the province this week. Outraged by the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis, Minnesota police officer Derek Chauvin back on May 25, and the death of 26-year-old EMT Breonna Taylor on March 13 in Louisville, Kentucky millions of people across the globe are stepping up and taking a stand against systematic racism. Organized by Shelburne residents Shyanne Ricci and Hailey McLarty, the demonstration is planned for June 14 at 1 p.m. with attendees marching from the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre to Town Hall.

"We think that having this peaceful demonstration will show that not only do we stand against racism, but we stand for the black community and we'll do whatever we can to make sure that our town doesn't put up with racism, and then hopefully that will carry on through other small towns as well,"

says McLarty.

Protests have previously been held in Toronto on June 5, Guelph on June 6, where thousands walked the streets, and Collingwood on June 8 where a reported two thousand people walked in the peaceful demonstration.

Both Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills and Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson will be in attendance at the march and will also address those in attendance.

"The same collective response that we had to the COVID-19 crisis is, I believe, what we should have to this crisis because you have people who are losing their life, you have people who are being impacted mentally and, if left undealt with, then the consequences, in my view, are severe," says Anderson. "What we saw the other day in Minneapolis is a clear example of what inaction could lead to."

As the community's first black elected official, this is a cause close to Anderson's heart, but he also notes the importance of taking a universal stance against racism and discrimination.

"When it comes to combating racism and discrimination, black folks can't do it by themselves and you need an ally ship, you need people to care about the cause, care about justice and fairness," says Anderson. "For all those who care about ending racism, you need individuals like that coming together to say 'I may not object to this kind of stuff as much as you, but I'm there with you because I believe in the core principles'."



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FIGHTING BACK: Pictured is Hailey McLarty (left) and Shyanne Ricci (right) organizers of Shelburne's Black Lives Matter peaceful demonstration in stance against racism

Anderson brought forth a motion during Shelburne Council's last meeting, to bring a task force to the community. The task force would be a committee of appointed members that would look specifically at issues of racism and discrimination bringing forth strategic plans to adopt into the community in tackling these issues.

"We have to move beyond talk to action

and accountability," says Anderson. "The next step is to then take that outrage or that frustration, or the desire for change and turn that into some form of sustainable action – that is what's going to be done."

The peaceful demonstration will start at 1 p.m. on June 14 starting at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.


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Defunding the police

There has been a lot of criticism over the past couple of weeks about certain police services across North America.

Specifically the criticism focuses on their tactics when dealing with the public.

After the events in Minneapolis, that city council actually voted to disband their entire police force. That's a very serious decision. Obviously you can't eliminate the police.

The move doesn't mean the city will be without police protection. It means it will re-form as a new, hopefully improved, entity, most likely with a wider, possibly regional jurisdiction.

Just because they voted on this doesn't mean it's going to happen, however, it is an indicator that the city council has little faith in their police department.

The lack of faith in their officers probably doesn't come from one incident – at least I certainly hope not.

Police officers are between a rock and hard place when it comes to dealing with some people.

A violent criminal who comes swinging at the cops or brandishes a threatening weapon won't be subdued by asking him to 'be nice and comply.'

Sometimes the police have to be physical to protect themselves and others.

That's just part of the job.

If you have a violent person outside of your home threatening you and your family you don't pull out your hunting rifle and blast him into oblivion – you call the police for help.

They are trained to deal with such a situation.

My own interactions with police in this region, Orangeville and Shelburne police, and OPP have been very favourable. They act professionally and carry out their duties accordingly.

They are also very engaged with the community.

Maybe the Minneapolis Police department have developed a closed culture that just isn't suitable for maintaining law and order.

Another incident involving a Minneapolis police officer resulted in the shooting death of a totally innocent woman in 2017.

The woman had called police for help, reporting a possible sexual assault taking place.

When the unarmed, unassuming woman approached the police car to speak to officers, the cop in the passenger seat drew his service pistol and shot her dead.

I have firearms training, both with hand guns and long guns, and can tell you with

certainty that there are many things wrong with what happened that night.

The offending cop fired a shot from the passenger seat inside the vehicle over his partner who was in the driver's seat.

Wow, that's a major fail right there. He could have easily killed his fellow police officer, or at the very least injured his face or eyes from having a round discharged that close to your head. Also, having a firearm let loose that close could easily blow out your ear drum.

Firearms instructors tell you to know your target. You don't pull the trigger on what you think, may be a deer, hiding behind that bush during hunting season.

That deer may be another hunter. You have to be 100 per cent sure before you pull the trigger.

This cop obviously wasn't sure of his target.

His wild west, shoot from the hip, mentality cost an innocent woman her life.

The talk now is about 'defunding police.'

That is an unfortunate phrase – it doesn't accurately portray what it means.

The phrase doesn't refer to eliminating police departments or cutting off all funding.

It refers to allocating some of the funds to other agencies or people that are

trained for specific situations.

For example, if there is a person having a mental health crisis, then experts in mental health should be the ones that handle the situation – not police.

There is a lot of merit to that.

Police aren't specifically trained to deal with some situations. Other people may be better at handling a situation based on their expertise.

However, everything must be dealt with in a realistic manner.

If a young social worker attends a call where a person is having a mental health crisis and that person suddenly turns violent, the social worker won't be calling the home office for back up and asking for more social workers to attend.

They would in fact call for police to quell a violent confrontation.

It's a tough situation for sure.

However, when it comes down to it, when a crime has been committed, or is about to be committed, who are you going to call for help?

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Editorial

Political aftermaths

LAST JANUARY, the political situation in North America seemed pretty well established. In both Canada and the United States, the governments in power seemed fairly secure, with the Republicans almost certain to retain the presidency in November's election.

Even in Canada, the Liberal minority government seemed secure, with support on most issues coming from the New Democrats and the Conservatives needing to select a new leader in the spring.

That was, of course, before the onslaught of COVID-19, which threw a wrench into planning on both sides of the border but led to pretty sharp distinctions between how things were handled here and there.

In the U.S., President Donald Trump ignored the advice he was getting from the scientific and intelligence communities and predicted the virus would vanish before becoming much of a problem. Later, as the deaths mounted, he turned to blaming China for the pandemic and led moves to end lockdowns in hopes of seeing the U.S. economy roaring at election time. When hospitals complained of not having enough protective equipment for their doctors and nurses, the president suggested it was up to the state governors and their legislatures to fix things.

By comparison, Canada's leaders opted to cooperate, with regular communications taking place between Ottawa and the provinces and all the federal parties at least initially agreeing to have skeleton sittings of Parliament and/or virtual sessions during the pandemic.

As a result, Canada has done marginally better than the U.S. in terms of the overall death toll from COVID-19, with roughly 8,000 deaths to date, more than four-fifths of them in long-term-care facilities, while the toll

south of the border soared past 110,000.

Further complicating matters was the murder by police of George Floyd in Minneapolis, which set off an unprecedented wave of protests on both sides of the border with demands for an end to racism and police brutality. President Trump's reaction included a threat to use the U.S. military against the protesters and a photo op holding a bible in front of a church near the White House after having protesters tear-gassed to open a path for himself.

In the circumstances, one might have expected to see a further dip in Mr. Trump's popularity, yet one poll this week showed that he had the support of 88 per cent of Republicans.

All the pandemic and racial unrest seems to have done in the U.S. is to further polarize the population, with Republican senators refusing to comment on strong criticism the President has faced from top military leaders who normally would be thought to be politically neutral.

Now, with former vice-president Joe Biden as almost certain to be the Democratic presidential candidate, it's anyone's guess as to who will win the presidency in November.

Meanwhile, it's just as difficult to predict the political COVID-19 aftermath in Canada. All we really know is that the government is facing deficits unheard of in peacetime, and already there are calls for a full return of Parliament well before next September.

Assuming that the Conservatives will have picked a new leader by then, they would likely jump at any opportunity to defeat the government and force a new federal election at which the argument would be that the Trudeau Liberals needed to be punished for mishandling the pandemic.



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Headwaters car club rallies to entertain the masses at local care homes

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Headwaters British Car Club took to the road on Sunday, June 7, to form a parade past some local seniors residences to both thank frontline workers and give residents something to look forward to on a nice afternoon.

Around 25 classic and vintage British made cars participated in the event, which was dubbed the Care-avan.

The cars visited the Headwaters Health Care Centre, the Lord Dufferin Centre, and the Avalon Care Centre in Orangeville before heading north to Shelburne.

They then paraded past the Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home and the Shelburne Residence.

Club president, Ralph Evans and his wife Kimberly brought their very rare 1937 Triumph Continental – one of only two of the models that still exist in the entire world. Only 26 of the cars were ever built.

The car features a classic mid 30's style with a 2 L, 6-cylinder engine.

"Kimberly's father is in the Shelburne Residence," Ralph explained. "Someone suggested we do a loop around Orangeville so

we decided to come here as well. We have around 40 members and today there was around 25 cars. We usually meet once a month in the summer for barbecues and a meeting. We usually go for a bunch of drives but this year this is the first one we've done."

As the cars paraded around the facilities, residents and health care workers gathered to watch.

"We come here (Shelburne Residence) a lot so we know how bored they are," Kimberly said. "We appreciate the care they receive here. The residents are so bored – they've been in their rooms for months."

As the cars turned into the parking to do a loop around the building, many residences lined the area in front of the building to watch.

They were joined by many of the health care workers who look after them.

There were several long time auto enthusiasts in the resident's group who knew the makes and models of the cars as they passed by.

The event provided some entertainment while giving residents a chance to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

WHAT A LINEUP!: A classic car cruises past a group of residents and health care workers at the Shelburne Residence on Sunday, June 7. The Headwaters British Car Club formed a parade of 25 classic and vintage automobiles and visited several seniors homes in Orangeville and Shelburne as well as the Headwaters Health Care Centre. The parade, dubbed the Care-avan, gave residents a chance to get out of their rooms, as well as to thank front line health care workers.

WDGPH eyeing regionalized approach to flatten curve of COVID-19

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) has been working in overdrive to ensure the community has been protected and informed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but that increased service has come at a cost, media learned last week.

Last Wednesday (June 3) the board of health held a meeting to discuss how the pandemic has impacted their services in recent months. The financial impact of the coronavirus has been significant in our region. Nearing the end of the first quarter of this year, WDGPH has seen a surplus of \$65,000 due to the timing of expenses of COVID-19 response related costs.

"Generally, it's due to the timing of the expenses when they come in, when we can pay for them and so forth. One important note made by the financial audit committee was that the agency covered pretty significant amount of COVID-19 response related costs," explained director of administrative services, David Kingma.

They are expecting COVID-19 response related costs to hit a staggering \$1 million, Mr. Kingma explained to the board.

Of that, \$800,000 was designated to additional human resources efforts, including increase in staffing, as well as hours, including overtime. \$200,000 was used for personal protective equipment.

"We don't anticipate those costs to continue at the same rate we have been going in the first two months, which was high gear," said Mr. Kingma.

The health agency has received two letters from the Ministry of Health that \$100 million has been set aside from the provincial government for reimbursement of the COVID-19 response related costs public health units.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Nicola Mercer updated the health board regarding COVID-19 testing. The provincial government announced on May 24 a new testing strategy for Ontarians, encouraging all residents to get tested, with a goal of 16,000 tests completed daily. Premier Doug Ford encouraged testing to be done, even for those who don't have COVID-19 symptoms.

"Locally, this new testing strategy from the province actually didn't impact us as much as it might have in other areas. The reasons for that is because we have always had very broad non-referral assessment centres in all of our areas," she explained. "We had never required a referral, we've always encouraged people to come into assessment centres if they think they have symptoms, so really the only change the province implemented was, that people (who aren't showing) symptoms (can now visit) our assessment centres."

Volumes have increased at the WDGPH assessment centres, averaging 200 a day in

Guelph. Traffic has increased at Headwaters Health Care Centre, close enough that they have been rethinking plans for their assessment centre, explained Dr. Mercer.

WDGPH relies on their assessment centres as the Province goes forward in their phases of reopening the economy. The importance for testing will continue to increase as residents begin to head back to work, especially as no vaccine has been developed as of yet.

"We know that until we have a vaccine, we're going to need to have these assessment centres for quite some time," said Dr. Mercer.

Kingston's Medical Officer of Health encouraged the provincial government to lean towards a regionalization approach regarding the reopening of the province, with the approval of many other Medical Officers of Health around the country.

"I won't disagree that Medical Officers of Health were looking to add to the provincial

direction. Not to contradict personal direction, but really add local flavour, and actually enhance it," said Dr. Mercer.

Premier Doug Ford initially rejected the idea of regionalization on May 8, stating that the Province will move together as one unit, as opposed to individually. But Dr. Mercer explains that Mr. Ford is starting to change his mind, having announced this past Monday that Stage 2 in the reopening of the province would take on a regionalized approach, with all but the Golden Horseshoe area now in the second stage.

"The Premier is now agreeing and talking about the regionalization reopening. Recognizing that not every area of the province is the same. For example, what might work in Wellington, might not work for Peel right now," explained Dr. Mercer. "There is no difference right now, there is no regionalized approach. This is something we are working to move towards."

She added, "I'm excited about this. I think it's actually the right approach. And I look forward to more conversations from the Province about what regionalization looks like, and allowing this to occur, part of the provincial reopening of our economy."

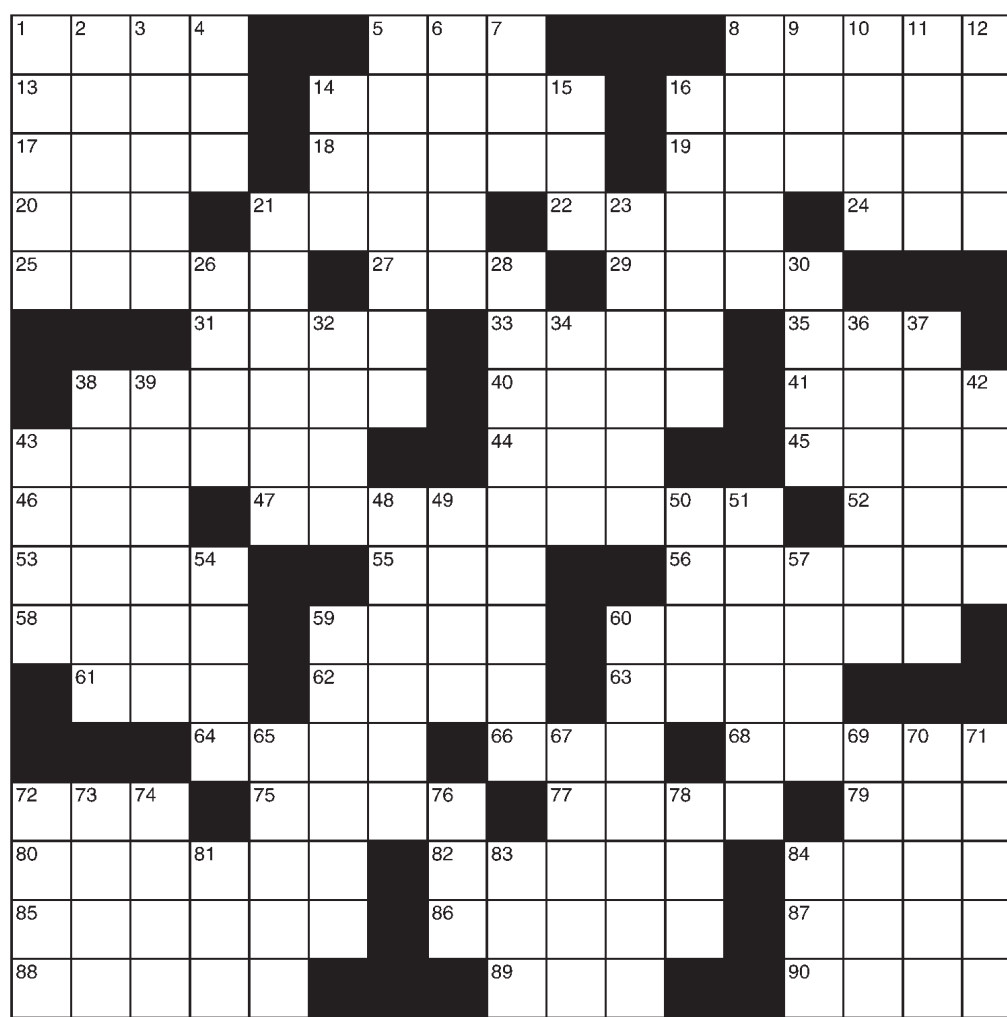
Dr. Mercer expressed to the board the importance of reopening our economy, not only for residents to relieve themselves from being shut down at home, but as it's connected to their health.

"Restarting the economy is extremely important. Income is linked to health, having an economy reopened is linked to mental health as well as economic health and wellness, and physical health," she explained. "We need a safe reopening and a safe way to get people back and working, in order to keep people healthy."

For more information about the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, please visit wdgpublichealth.ca.

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ACROSS

- 1. Bone-dry
- 5. Health farm
- 8. Chest
- 13. Command to a canine
- 14. Hindu title
- 16. Supervise
- 17. Spoken
- 18. Eat away at
- 19. Hole for a shoelace
- 20. Slippery stuff
- 21. Faction
- 22. Carpentry joint
- 24. Golfing device
- 25. Beat
- 27. Astronaut's affirmative
- 29. Make indistinct
- 31. Gifts of charity
- 33. Cyrano's feature
- 35. Arctic abundance
- 38. Rivulet

- 40. Comply with
- 41. Epic tale
- 43. "___ Weather"
- 44. ___ ton soup
- 45. Door handle
- 46. Upper-body limb
- 47. Long short story
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- 55. Pub order
- 56. Struck with sudden horror
- 58. Toward the center of
- 59. Wearing clothes
- 60. Apprehend
- 61. Obtained
- 62. Wedding symbol
- 63. Angler's tool
- 64. Woeful expression
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- 2. Ghostly
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- 8. Louisiana marsh
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- 67. Dress size
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Teen charged with stunt driving in Shelburne

On Tuesday June 2nd during the evening hours, a Shelburne Police officer was patrolling County Road 11 near Victoria Street when he observed a car travelling towards him at a very high rate of speed. The speed limit in this industrial area is posted as a 60 kph zone.

The officer obtained a speed reading of 111 kph on a radar unit. The vehicle was stopped and the teenage driver was investigated. The driver was licenced with a G2 licence.

The driver was charged with stunt driving. The vehicle was impounded for 7 days and the driver and his licence suspended for 7 days.

"Driving at extreme speeds is simply unacceptable" States Sgt Neumann. "The danger to the occupants of the vehicle, as well as the danger to other vehicle operators and passengers, and the danger to pedestrians is not worth the risk! Please everyone, drive responsibly and safely. Put the phone down, drive sober, slow down, be aware of everything around you".

SHELBURNE SPORTS

Cubs going back into hibernation as NDBL cancels 2020 season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Mansfield Cubs won't be on the diamond this year after the North Dufferin Baseball League cancelled the entire 2020 season.

Citing health concerns, as well as the fact that many diamonds simply won't be available for booking, League executives made the decision to pull the plug on the season after a meeting on June 4.

The Cubs have a senior team and a junior squad in the NDBL.

"The difficult decision was made to cancel all competitive competition in the League for the 2020 season which includes both senior and junior division play," the League said in a statement issued on June 5. "The League has a responsibility to help protect the health of our players, coaches, umpires, spectators and their families. It is also evident the restrictions and logistics of operating a competitive and meaningful season are no longer favourable to our member clubs. However, the Executive will consider allowing practices and exhibition games using Baseball

Ontario guidelines and insurance coverage when it is permitted by Baseball Ontario. We understand our member clubs and players will be disappointed not playing the sport we love, however, it is the right time to make this decision to allow for our players and families to plan other activities as restrictions begin to be lifted."

Most municipalities have stopped booking parks and sport venues through to September, meaning that if the League had decided to put a schedule together, they probably wouldn't have had a place to play.

It is possible that they League may put together a year-end tournament once ball parks are again allowing teams to play.

The Senior Cubs have been a mainstay in the League for years. The Junior formed a team a few years ago when midget players became old enough to field a team.

The diamond in Mansfield will most likely have to wait for another year before the sound of the bats cracking and cheers from the fans will be heard.



FILE PHOTO

OVER BEFORE IT BEGAN: There will be no action on local baseball diamonds this summer as the North Dufferin Baseball League made the decision to cancel their 2020 season last week.

Sports broadcaster Michael Landsberg chats with Warden about mental health

Written By PAULA BROWN

Renowned Canadian sports broadcaster and talk show host, Michael Landsberg spoke with Dufferin County Warden Darren White last Friday (June 4) about mental health through COVID-19, and the increasing need to address the stigma surrounding mental health.

"We want to make sure that people are, essentially, not scared to ask for help if they need it," said Warden White.

The discussion, which happened digitally via Zoom, focused on Mr. Landsberg's thoughts on mental health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Landsberg, who has been with TSN since the network's launch in 1984, was the host of Off The Record for 18 years during its 1997-2015 on-air run. He is an ambassador for Bell Let's Talk and has been very open about his personal struggles with mental health over the years.

"This is a really important talk to me and for me," he said during the one-on-one conversation.

The talk, which people can watch online on the Dufferin County YouTube page, was organized by Warden White, who wanted to make sure that discussions surrounding mental health are as prevalent today as they have ever been. Many in the community have struggled in recent months, as COVID-19 continues to change day-to-day life.

"We were sort of triggered by the knowledge that some of our staff, because of their positions and having to deal everyday with COVID and the effects of it, were facing some concerns with regards to stress, overwork, and depression," said the warden.

He also said that part of the reason for the conversation with Mr. Landsberg was to highlight the lack of local resources for mental health programs and to advocate for more within the community.

Early in the conversation Warden White spoke candidly about his own experience



FILE PHOTO

TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: TSN's Michael Landsberg, pictured above, joined Dufferin County Warden Darren White in an online chat about mental health last week.

with emotional exhaustion during the three-month long response to COVID-19, touching on a recent 24-hour period where he says he "just couldn't deal anymore."

Mr. Landsberg spoke briefly about SickNotWeak.com, a website and not-for-profit corporation that he started in 2009 to help other people dealing with mental illness. He also spoke about his new show Isolation Nation, a daily digital talk show where he and guests speak candidly about the struggles of mental health during the pandemic and the COVID-19 health, economic, and social crisis.

"This show Isolation Nation is probably for me kind of the fulfilment of a dream," he said.

A donation of between \$100 to \$200 on behalf of Dufferin County will be given to Mt. Landsberg's initiative.

Speaking directly to anyone struggling with mental health, Mr. Landsberg said, "Come forward and share, find one person to share with – it starts with one person."

Mansfield baseball waiting for new guidelines

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

While some sports leagues have cancelled all summer activities for 2020, Ontario Minor baseball is still hoping to get out there although there will probably be some new guidelines for any games that take place.

"Baseball Ontario remains committed to the safety of the baseball community," Baseball Ontario said in a statement. "At this time and based on the guidelines of the provincial government and public health authorities, the suspension of all in-person baseball programs remains in effect through June 15, 2020. We will be providing an update on the work the Safe Sport Committee is doing to prepare return to train / return to play guidelines."

The statement goes on to warn that any baseball activities on local diamonds will be subject to municipal and provincial regulations. Those regulations may vary from different jurisdictions.

"It is important that everyone be well versed on the local directives as they take priority over any recommendations or guidelines from Baseball Ontario."

The Ontario Baseball Association originally postponed early season tryouts prior to May. The temporary cancellation of all baseball activities was extended.

Currently the OBA has set June 15, as the date where baseball activities may start up, however that date could be pushed back even further.

Players can get some training in as the use of batting cages is now allowed. Teams still cannot meet or practice on local diamonds.

The Mansfield Minor Baseball Association which has divisions ranging from T-ball up to Midget levels is keeping their players and families informed of the situation.

"At this time, our province's state of emergency has been extended to June 30," the Association said in a statement. "The baseball diamond in Mansfield is closed, and Baseball Ontario has extended their suspension on baseball until June 15."

The Association said they are waiting for Baseball Ontario to release the return to play guidelines.

The current postponement of activities affects thousands of baseball players across the province.



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Dufferin Mutual Insurance marks 125 years in Shelburne

Written By MARNI WALSH

Situated in the Town of Shelburne since its rural beginnings, 125 years ago, Dufferin Mutual Insurance President and CEO Ed Forbes, says the company feels like “a little secret tucked away in town.”

Mr. Forbes calls Dufferin Mutual “a full-fledged insurance company to meet all of our policyholders needs.” He says, “No call centers answer our policyholders enquires or settle their claims. We are your neighbors.” Dufferin Mutual currently serves just under 4,000 policyholders.

The pandemic has “thrown plans off” to celebrate the insurance company’s 125 year milestone. However, Ed Forbes says, “This is a year in which our policyholders and our community want us to step up to the plate. We plan on doing just that.”

Mr. Forbes told the Free Press, “Our board recently approved a significant increase for our charitable contributions this year. Considering our heritage is in Shelburne and Dufferin County, that’s exactly where our efforts will be concentrated.”

Dufferin Mutual was originally “founded by farmers who had no place to insure their farms from Fire,” says Ed Forbes. “At the time, the British Insurers were suffering too

many losses and decided to stop insuring farms in Ontario. The Ontario Government created legislation so that each County in Ontario could create an insurance company that would be owned by the members. That of course is where we got our name, Dufferin Mutual.”

“It is difficult to find records of how many employees were with the company back in 1895. We suspect there was only one - the General Manger. Since the company was owned by the farmers, they were responsible to hire one employee to manage it for them, the General Manager. Today we employ 12 employees in Shelburne and another four in our office in Mount Forest,” says Mr. Forbes.

The CEO says, “The company started off only insuring farms for fire. Over the years, we started to cover other risks such as wind and vandalism. We eventually expanded into other lines of business to the point where we are today, offering full coverage on farms, homes, commercial businesses as well as automobile coverage.”

The company is still owned by the policyholders, Mr. Forbes says.

Policyholders elect a board of directors annually. “We currently have a board of six directors. Five of them live in the local area



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CELEBRATING BIG MILESTONE: Ed Forbes and the staff of Dufferin Mutual. The Shelburne based insurance provider celebrated 125 years of business in Dufferin County this week by increasing their support for local charities.

as well as one who lives in Burlington,” says CEO Forbes. “The board is responsible for how we operate and to protect the financial assets that have been built up over multi generations of policyholders.” He says, the “board has the responsibility to hire one

employee (just like in 1895), the CEO. It is then the CEO’s responsibility to run the day to day operation of the company and report back to the board.”

He calls Dufferin Mutual, “A true grassroots policyholder owned company.”

Accessibility Week in Dufferin County

Written By MARNI WALSH

May 31st to June 6th was Accessibility Week in the County of Dufferin. Deputy Clerk, Michelle Dunne says messaging went out on social media platforms, directing residents to the government of Canada’s national-accessibility toolkit.

Accessibility Week followed on the heels of the May 14th announcement that the County of Dufferin and the Town of Orangeville had approved the Terms of Reference to coordinate a joint accessibility advisory committee.

“In recent years, the County’s Accessibility Advisory Committee (Access Dufferin) has been struggling to find projects that would stay within the County mandate,” says Michelle Dunne. “Many of the public-facing accessibility issues are at a local municipal level such as sidewalks, curb cuts, accessible parking.”

Warden Darren White, who decreed Accessibility Week at the May 28th County Council meeting, told the Free Press, “The County has always promoted accessibility issues locally and will continue to do so through its accessibility committee. That being said, we are working closely with the staff of all eight partner municipalities to facilitate accessibility, in general, in public buildings.”

Michelle Dunne says the Access Dufferin Committee has had several accomplishments that relate more to the awareness side of the issues, including: Ensuring compliance with accessible website and content regulations, hosting an Accessibility Compliance workshop for member municipalities to ensure a complete understanding of requirements, refining procedures for handling temporary disruptions when an accessible part of public spaces is not useable, incorporating accessibility criteria and features when procuring or acquiring goods, services or facilities, except where it is not practicable to do so. and make meetings more accessible by allowing electronic participation

Warden White says, “It’s important to continue to highlight the fact that ‘we aren’t there yet’ and people with varying abilities still face accessibility challenges.”

He says, “No one should get left behind,” acknowledging that “during COVID-19, the potential for an issue like accessibility to get less action is high, as everyone’s efforts are directed at the pandemic.”

He says, “Dufferin County will continue to advocate for accessibility where possible, and seek funding to expand barrier free access to those who require it.”



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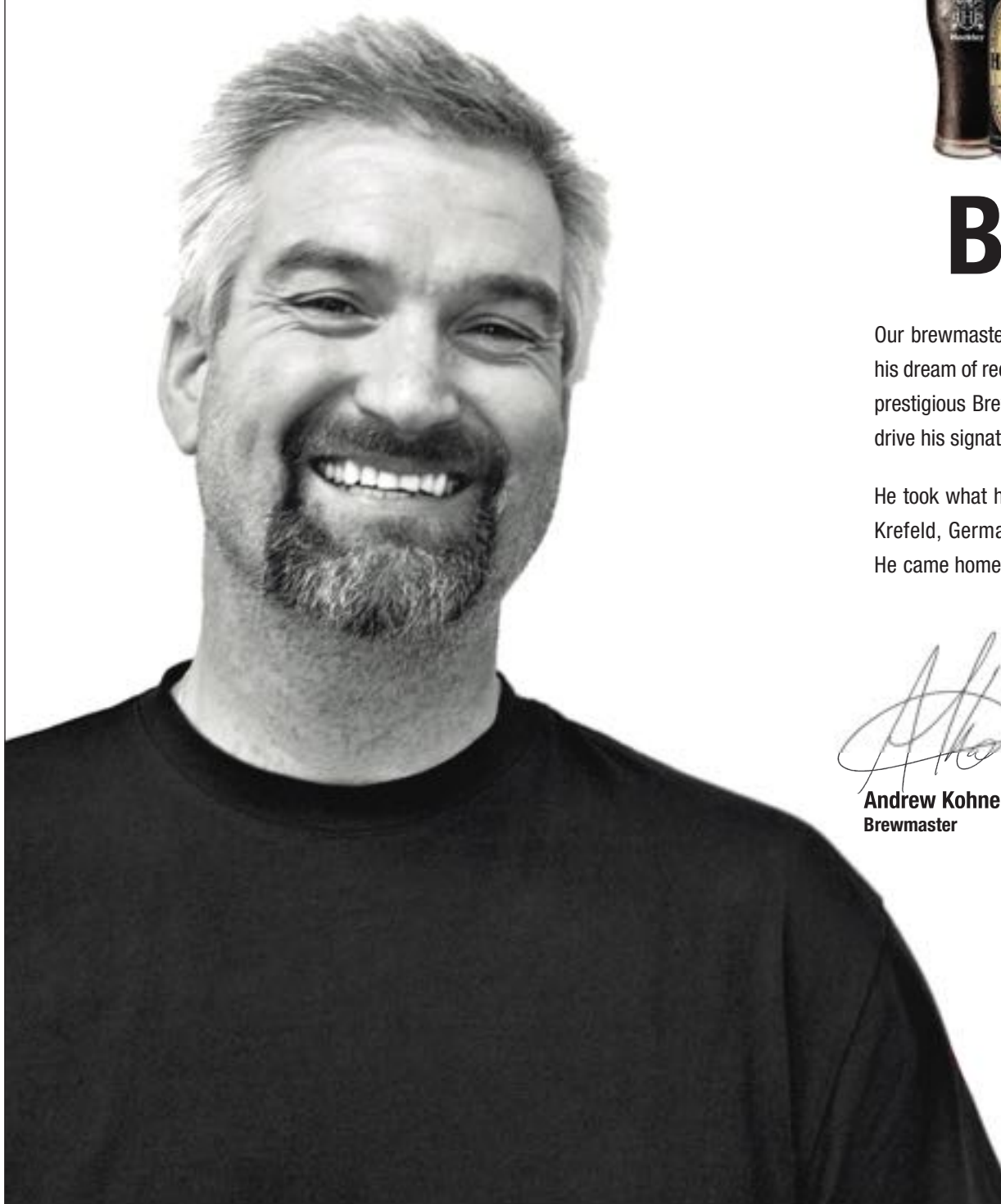
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