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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON TRACK: Construction continues at Summerhill Plaza in Shelburne. The new development will feature both commercial and residential components, and will include a new Tim Horton's. According to municipal officials, construction on the new Timmies will be finished shortly. For more on this story, see Page A3.

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Active Lives Day Program Dufferin opens up new location in Shelburne

Written By PAULA BROWN

Active Lives Day Program (ALDP) Dufferin, a local non-profit organization, has opened their second location with the launch of their Shelburne campus.

"Due to COVID our numbers have to be smaller in order for us to reopen and so we were looking for another place to reopen, and Shelburne made the most sense," said Howard Dalal, the director at ALDP.

Active Lives Day Program Dufferin is a program for local adult residents with "exceptionalities". The organization was founded four years ago, back in 2016, and works primarily with individuals with varying levels of developmental disabilities as well as neurological disorders. ALDP Dufferin focuses on continued education for individuals attending the campuses, giving a post-secondary option or spot to grow life skills and job skills.

"For a lot of people with exceptionalities they need a place to go, they need some-

where to continue their growth," said Colin Smits, program supervisor at the new Shelburne location.

Smits also added, "We offer anybody in the area a place to continue to grow, a place to come to have community friendships and have that recreational health and fitness aspect. Trying new things, setting goals for yourself in terms of if you want to get a job in the future - we will try our best to set up every stage so that we can get you there."

The ALDP Dufferin Shelburne campus opened on Aug. 10 and is much like the Orangeville location, with a number of recreational programs available. Programs range from arts-based such as culinary, pottery and music to technology-based programs, including computer coding, robotics, and beginners mechanics. ALDP Dufferin also has community involvement based programs.

"We volunteer at the food bank, we work at the reuse store, and we connect with the local police department," said Dalal. "We help with stores, hairdressers, and a bunch

of different organizations around, so we're constantly being in the community to give our guys a sense of purpose and a meaningful day throughout their day."

Leading up to its opening, the Shelburne location received electronics, keyboards, and chairs as donations from the community. Dalal said that the donated keyboards will help with the music program, with ALDP Dufferin looking to partner with local musicians, and donated computers will go towards a computer lab.

ALDP Dufferin currently has around 22 participants in the programs, with 10 part-time at the Shelburne campus. The new campus is located at 167 Main Street in Shelburne.

"I think that everybody needs that place that they can go and grow and learn," said Smits. "With us coming in, that brings a huge opportunity for anybody looking for that purposeful day looking for those skills that we're trying to teach."

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Dave was born and raised in Shelburne by his Mom, Kathryn and Dad, John who was on Shelburne Council and is a retired local Police Officer. Dave should have had his full Real Estate licence by now, however due to Covid his licensing has been delayed. For now, he is learning the ropes and assisting Claire with Marketing & Administration.

Together, Claire and Dave live on a country property in Mulmur (Mansfield) with their blended family. They both have extensive experience and knowledge of farms and rural properties, and are here to help regardless of the size of your home or property.

Always eager to give back to the local community, both Dave and Claire sit on the Shelburne Fair Board.

A portion from every Real Estate sale in the area, is given back to local charities including CMHA in which Claire heads up claireshike4hope.com and sits on the Suicide Awareness Council of Wellington-Dufferin.

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DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES: Construction continues at the Hyland Village subdivision, while around 30 units have already been scheduled for occupancy.

Major development projects in various stages of completion

Written By PAULA BROWN

The Town of Shelburne, through 2020, has seen quite a few developments continue to advance in construction, from both residential and commercial, including the community's three largest developments - the Hyland Village subdivision, Fieldgate subdivision, and Summerhill Plaza. Each of those projects contain plans to develop more than 200 lots, meaning either commercial or residential.

In a report for Town Council back in July, Shelburne Town Planner Steve Wever gave an update on the status of developments in the community. According to the report, Shelburne currently has 595 lots and units in registered and approved lot plans, with this a 2020 Development Charges (DC) Study is forecasting 960 new residential units to be developed in town between 2020 to 2029. The same report also says that there is 2.2 hectares approved for industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI), with 597,720 square feet forecasted for development space between 2020 and 2029.

So where do the three largest development in Shelburne sit in there planning?

Hyland Village is a subdivision with approved plans for 245 single and semi-detached, and townhouses. In July, of those 245, approximately 30 were scheduled to be occupied throughout July and August. Previous road construction on Main Street was part of the development.

"We anticipate that the subdivision will continue through to completion over the next year and a half to two and a half years, depending on how quickly (the developer)

builds the remaining houses," said Wever.

Plans to develop the Fieldgate area, for both residential and commercial, have been in the works for several years. Wever tells the Free Press there are 250 lots on the site designated for single detached and townhouse dwellings, as well as two commercial blocks.

"They've submitted detailed engineering plans. The Town (has conducted) a review for the surfacing of the site, so putting in all the sewers, water main, storm sewers, the storm pond," said Wever. "One of the big projects associated with that development is they have to build a new intersection on highway 89."

Construction to date has included fill to raise the building site and the improvements for the intersection on Hwy. 89.

Summerhill Plaza is another residential development, with 250 units for single detached homes and townhouses. Three new commercial buildings are under construction.

"They're building the three buildings there, there's a drive-thru restaurant, which I understand to be a Tim Horton's that's under construction, and I think that's nearing completion," said Wever.

With the number of developments appearing, Wever said Shelburne is focused on balancing growth in both residential and commercial developments.

"There's still a lot of interest in building more residential but it's now reached that point where there's an under supply of commercial land and opportunity for new commercial business and existing business who want to grow to do so. We're seeing both," said Wever.

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Worth mentioning?

During the filming of Django Unchained, the 2012 Quentin Tarantino slaughter-fest, shoot 'em up, revenge is best served cold film, about a former slave who is rescued by a bounty hunter and goes on a quest to save his wife from a mean plantation owner, there was some rather iffy dialogue.

The speech may have been true to the period in time in which the film takes place, but by modern standards it was quite brutal.

In fact, actor, Leonardo DiCaprio, who had a good role in the film, was having difficulty during one of the scenes just getting the words out.

He didn't want to offend some of the cast, who happened be African American, with the barrage of racial slurs that were written in the script.

Finally, another actor on set, Samuel L. Jackson, who happens to be black and is a star in his own right, took Mr. DiCaprio aside and said "This is just another Tuesday for us."

In other words, they were all actors, doing a job, and no one was going to think less of DiCaprio for reading words on a script as part of his character.

I don't blame DiCaprio for feeling that way. I sure would have a problem repeating some of that dialogue as well.

Recently the news has been filled with stories about race, the difference it makes, and the inequality some people feel about it all.

Many times we are our own worst enemy by bringing up a person's race when it simply doesn't matter.

Morgan Freeman, another famous actor who happens to be black, was quoted as saying "I don't want a Black History Month. Black History is American History. There is no White History month. The only way to end racism is to stop talking about it."

It should be noted that his career, which is a very successful one, wasn't built on the fact that he is an African American actor. His success is built on the fact that he's a good actor, with many stellar roles on his resumé.

I must agree with him that not talking about it is a good thing, in the sense that bringing up a person's race when it isn't necessary, just causes a problem that shouldn't happen in the first place.

As part of my job, and the fact that I'm

a curious person, I do a lot of research. Much of that research is on events in the past. That could be anything from a couple of years ago to 150 years in the past.

One thing I've noticed, especially from American sources, is that when a black person or other person who identifies as a minority, does something notable, their race is always mentioned.

"Mr. Bumstead, an African American man, entered the frigid waters and pulled the youngster to safety," or "Mr. Jones, an African American farmer, said he first noticed the flying saucers over his back 40 acreage during late July."

What possible reason is it seen necessary to add to the story that Mr. Jones was African American, when the story should revolve around the flying saucers that have been buzzing his property and scaring his cows.

I see these type of stories all the time. This type of reporting is not limited to the U.S.

I was in the local Pizza Pizza a few days ago waiting for my Hawaiian slice to come out of the oven.

On the wall was a television set tuned to the news channel. Video feed was on

one side of the screen with scrolling news in brief along the bottom.

"Missing Girl Safe. Police in Nova Scotia have located a missing 14 year-old Indigenous girl who was reported missing several days ago."

It was good news. A missing girl was located safe. However, why was it necessary to say she was Indigenous?

Isn't the story the fact that a 14 year girl was found? Why is it necessary to refer to her as an 'Indigenous' girl?

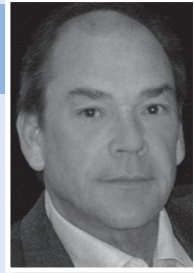
It's fair to report a person's race if they are being sought publicly. For example a police report with a description of a dangerous criminal or in the case of a missing kid, adding the person's race might be necessary.

Beyond that, stating that a person is a minority really doesn't do much good.

Some things are self-evident. If a person accomplishes something, there's no need to mention their racial background.

Their accomplishment should stand on its own merit.

BRIAN LOCKHART
 FROM THE SECOND ROW



Such a crazy market

In this week's Free Press (Page 9), there is a lengthy feature highlighting the heightening issue of homelessness within our community. It's a well-researched, informative piece that draws attention to something that impacts hundreds across the region.

While there are several reasons one can fall into homelessness, issues with mental health and addictions chief among them, I would suggest the crazy cost of living in our area is equally as culpable. And when I talk about cost of living, I'm referring mostly to house prices and rental rates in the area.

I understand that the market, or demand, largely, dictates what those costs will be. It still doesn't make them any less crazy.

Looking at the statistics for a minute, compiled by the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board, the average sale price of a home in Dufferin County, excluding Orangeville, thus far in 2020 is \$766,039. That's an increase of 13.62 percent from this time last year. And it's not as if this features dwindling numbers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Between Jan. 1 and July 31, 2020 there have been 355 homes sold in Dufferin County. Over the same period last year, there were only 327 homes sold.

Looking at our larger urban areas, such as Orangeville and Caledon, the numbers are even more startling. For the first time over a six month period, the average sale price for homes in Caledon hit seven figures between Jan. and July of this year, coming in at \$1.05 million. That's a 12.37 percent increase, or around \$116,000, from this time in 2019. There's been a similar percentage increase in Orangeville, with the average sale price spiking to \$626,466 thus far in 2020 – up from \$559,702 12 months ago.

For rentals, you'd be hard pressed to find anything beyond a one-bedroom for less than \$2,000 a month anywhere in Dufferin County or Caledon.

So, what does all of this really mean? On the face of it, my first take is that the local housing market is a healthy one, in the sense that inventory is relatively low, houses spend very little time on the market, and prices continue to rise. Clearly, people want to live in Dufferin County and Caledon.

Due to our close proximity to the GTA, many people with well-paying jobs would rather pay crazy money for a nice property that gives them a one hour commute to the city, than pay a ludicrous price for a garden shed, or a condo that lands them right in the downtown core. And, when you hear about some of the stories emanating from city in recent months, who can blame them?

I could barely believe what I was reading last week when I saw that a literal converted shed in Toronto, featuring one bedroom and two bathrooms, sold for

\$1.8 million. The 'home' located at 300 Euclid Avenue, was listed for \$999,999 in July and ended up selling \$800,000 over asking price. For anyone thinking, or more so hoping, that Toronto's burgeoning real estate bubble would burst amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this was a harsh reality check.

Many real estate agents have told myself, and other reporters with the Citizen and our affiliate, the Shelburne Free Press, that the local housing market is only going one way, and that's up. While it's in the best interests of these agents to paint a rosy picture regarding the strength of the local market, there's more than a decade's worth of evidence to suggest they know what they're talking about. Over the past 15 years, housing prices have doubled in our region. Doubled.

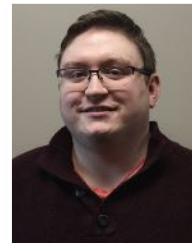
Over the same time, the average wage or salary for someone not working a minimum wage job has gone up, at best 25 to 30 percent. Those who got into the market years ago are in a fantastic position today, but what about our youth? Many of them are facing up to the fact that they will never be able to afford a home in their hometown. In a few years' time, if things continue on this crazy path, they may not be able to afford a home of their own, period.

It's a problem without a solution. Misguidedly, the Ontario government felt much of the inflation surrounding the housing market in Toronto was brought on by excessive overseas investment. As such, they introduced the Non-Resident Speculation Tax in April 2017. This new legislation tags on an additional 15 percent on the purchase price of residential property located within the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region (GGHR) by individuals who are not citizens or permanent residents of Canada. The GGHR goes as far north as Orillia, and spreads out to Peterborough in the east, and Hamilton in the west.

Thus far, this new tax has done nothing to stem the rate of inflation, or make owning a home more attainable for young Canadians.

I'm one of the lucky ones. My wife and I are expecting to purchase our first home within the next few months. It won't be perfect, and it won't have everything we want, but at least we'll have a place to call our own. I fear that many from my generation, and the generations to come, won't have that same opportunity, no matter how well they plan and save as young adults.

As youngsters, we're almost conditioned now to believe that, to be considered successful, you must go to college or university, establish yourself within your chosen career and, finally, buy your own home. If things continue in the same vein, that final part will soon have to be scratched off of Life Goals 101.



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The memory of Redickville is all that remains 150 years later

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

When passing through Redickville on County Road 124, north of Shelburne, the only indication that the corner even has a name is a sign announcing the town when you are heading southbound.

The area is still referred to as Redickville by locals, even though pretty much all that remains of a once thriving village is a memory and maybe some old barns.

George Redick founded the town when he settled there in the 1850's, and then gave the town his name.

He was a plasterer by trade, but with necessity being the mother of invention and innovation, he also opened a hotel and a tavern, which were pretty common enterprises in the early days of Dufferin County.

Travelling a considerable distance in the mid 19th century meant you most likely had to stop overnight to rest the horses. That accounted for the many hotels in the area. A large number of taverns in the region were kept busy as well as the settlers also enjoyed a drink.

Mr. Redick's was a respected member of the community and his hotel was also used to conduct official town business.

Within a few years, more businesses opened around his hotel.

The farmland in the area was considered to be high quality, so as farms began operating there was a need for farm services and supplies, which brought more people to the area.

In 1865 the town opened its first school

house, with a Miss Bruncker as the teacher. This log school house lasted until 1884 when it was replaced with a new brick school house.

In the 1870's the villagers built their first church. It was a Methodist church located on property owned by James Ostrander.

Mr. Redick kept things rolling in the town he founded. In 1879 he opened a post office.

A man named John Wheeler opened a general store.

Unfortunately, all fun has to come to an end someday, and in the mid 1880's, the Scott Act, which forbade the sale of liquor in hotels, pulled the plug on the liquor industry in the area, much to the dismay of local residents who looked forward to inbibing at the hotel.

Redickville had a boon in the 1880's. In addition to the general store the village had a number of people in the building and construction trades who not only helped build the town, they worked to help build neighbouring towns as well.

This included carpenters, a mason, well digger and a blacksmith shop.

By the turn of the century the village had grown to around 100 people and was a bustling little place.

In 1907, a second general store was opened by George Mortimore who also doubled as the town's postmaster.

Like many small rural Ontario communities, the 20th century began to see the town shrink as people moved away for better opportunities.

The church, which became the Redick-



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

ALL THAT REMAINS: The only indication that you are passing through a former town is a single sign near the corner on County Road 124. Redickville was a thriving village that was first settled in the 1850's. At the turn of the last century the once bustling town began to disappear as people moved away and businesses closed. Today, the area's most prominent feature are the windmills that dominate the landscape.

ville United Church in 1925, closed around 1963 and was later demolished.

The school also closed, however it is still standing as a private home.

The corner where the hotel once stood at County Road 24, and County Road 21, offer

no indication that a thriving town was once there. The dominant feature of the area now are the windmills.

Redickville as a town faded into history but the memory of the pioneer spirit lives on.

Fourth-annual Overdose Awareness Day to take place in virtual format this year

Written By PAULA BROWN

The Dufferin Overdose Awareness Committee will be hosting their fourth annual Overdose Awareness Day event virtually on Monday (Aug. 31).

"This year's event looks a little bit different with us having to do everything virtually," said Kristy Fearon, addiction outreach councillor at Family Transition Place. "But we've also been having a little bit of fun trying to get some ideas going in terms of different videos."

"Although COVID-19 has forced us to rethink how we will mark Overdose Awareness Day this year, we still hope that the community will support our virtual awareness campaign," said Const. Scott Davis, community services officer with Orangeville Police Service.

The Dufferin Overdose Awareness Committee was launched in 2017 and attempts to bring attention to the addiction services available in Dufferin County and Caledon. After losing two clients to overdose in 2017, Fearon says herself and another co-worker sat down with Family Transition Place for a way to honor August 31, International Overdose Awareness Day, in the community. For the last three years, Fearon and Const. Davis have worked with various community volunteers to establish the committee, working to fight drug abuse and prevent unnecessary overdoses within the region.

Despite having to go virtual, the committee plans to display different videos throughout the event, such as a walk through process with a pharmacist on the process of buying a naloxone kit, and posts remembering those who have died or been injured through drug overdose.

"Families don't necessarily, in obituaries, say it was an overdose. There's still a lot of stigma," said Fearon. "We're really trying to break down those barriers and break down the stigma around it for families to feel better supported, but also for individuals that are using to feel the support that they're not alone in this."

"Our goal is to provide the citizens of our community with the education, resources and tools that they need to assist with substance use and misuse," said Const. Davis.

Gathering information on the number of overdoses that have happened in Dufferin County this year, Fearon said, has been difficult. With that said, Dufferin EMS has, thus far, reported a decrease in overdose-related calls in 2020. Dufferin EMS previously told the Shelburne Free Press, in July, that they had reported 97 calls for assistance with overdoses in 2020. Around this time last year, there had been at least 178 reported cases in Dufferin County.

"Many of the clients, if they have experienced an overdose or somebody they know has experienced an overdose, they haven't

necessarily called 911 because of the fear of the COVID-19 virus," said Fearon, who added that since the beginning of the pandemic she has lost one client to an overdose.

Overdose Awareness Day will take place on Aug. 31 on the Dufferin Overdose Awareness Committee Facebook page. To commemorate someone, you can message Dufferin/Caledon Victim Services through the committee Facebook page or email Kristy Fearon at kristy@familytransitionplace.ca, with a photo.

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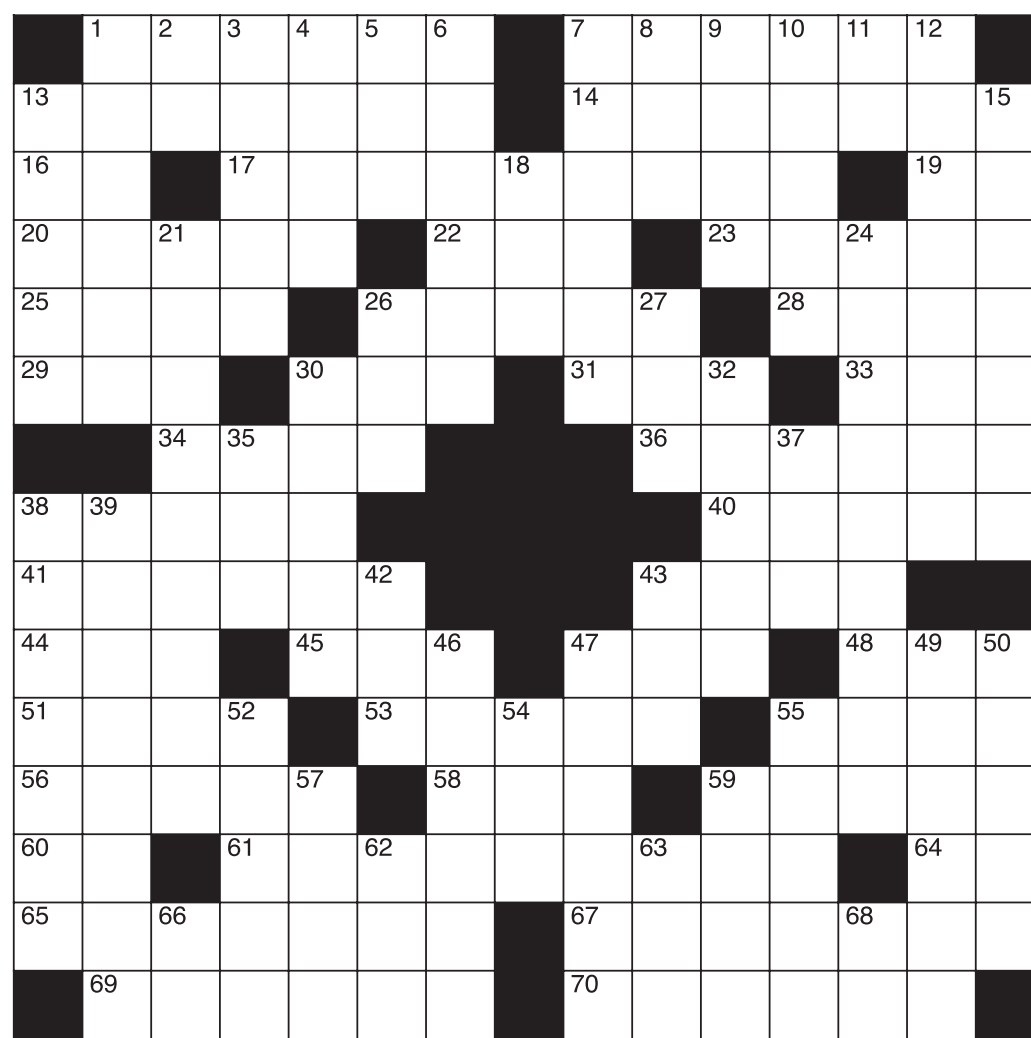
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- 13. Malaysian sailing boat
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- 18. Cool!
- 21. Popular tourist attraction studio
- 24. Sets free
- 26. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- 27. Unhappy
- 30. Alternate term for Holy Scripture
- 32. Influential French scholar
- 35. What thespians do
- 37. Local area network
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Coastal region of Canada
- 42. Sun up in New York
- 43. High schoolers' exam
- 46. Fathers
- 47. Call it a career
- 49. Suitable for growing crops
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- 52. Orange-brown in color
- 54. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT sportscaster
- 57. A way to wedge
- 59. Cold, dry Swiss wind
- 62. Hockey players need it
- 63. Something highly prized
- 66. Atomic #45
- 68. Top lawyer

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- 1. Slopes
- 7. Attacks
- 13. One who has left prison
- 14. Goes against
- 16. Atomic #37
- 17. Home of The Beatles
- 19. Mac alternative
- 20. A common boundary with
- 22. Fluid in a plant
- 23. Genus that includes scads
- 25. Longer of the forearm bones
- 26. Gradually disappears
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- 29. Type of whale
- 30. Jaws of a voracious animal

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- 33. Ancient Egyptian God
- 34. Obsessed with one's appearance
- 36. Erase
- 38. A type of smartie
- 40. Nostrils
- 41. Influential French thinker
- 43. Popular K-pop singer
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Payroll company
- 47. Moved quickly on foot
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Rhythmic patterns
- 58. Scatter

- 59. Belongs to bottom layer
- 60. Impulsive part of the mind
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- 64. Type of degree
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- 67. Locks in again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

New junior hockey season start date pushed back to December

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It seems that the hockey season around the province is looking to a December start this year.

The Western Ontario Athletic Association, which hosts the senior league in which the Shelburne Muskies compete have already announced they are moving the start date from October to December.

Now it seems Junior level hockey will be following suit.

For Junior C fans in the region, that means the Stayner Siskins and Alliston Hornets of the Provincial Junior C Hockey League

won't be hitting the ice for a least two more months.

Hockey Canada, the governing body for the sport, is currently saying very little about the start of hockey this year. They are waiting for direction from health authorities.

However, Travis Chapman, head coach for the Alliston Hornets confirmed that the current goal is to start the current Junior C season in December.

"We're planning for a December 1, start," Chapman said. "Hopefully that means they will allow some fans to be in the arena."

Current restrictions allow for gatherings

of 50 people due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once you get two teams, coaches, and trainers in the building, that number will be met very quickly.

"The hope is that pushing it back to December will allow for school openings," Chapman said. "We will see what happens then and hopefully they will lift restrictions."

The current plan is for the season to wrap up on March 2, then start the playoffs.

Hockey Canada has not allowed teams to have tryouts yet this season. Even if the go-ahead for tryouts was given, there's no ice in the arenas.

Despite the fact that the Hornets have not been on the ice, and not allowed to have tryouts, Chapman said they will be ready to play.

"We already have a team signed. We pretty much have the whole team from last year back again except for the over age players. We have a couple of players who were AP's last season that have signed with us. We did our scouting last year. If the puck dropped tomorrow, we would have a team ready to play."

Several other leagues around the province have announced that they will also be starting play in December.

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BIG MILESTONE: In business for over three decades in Shelburne, the team at Shelburne Tire and Towing are going into their thirty-second year of serving Dufferin County. Dave Johnston, Mike Johnston, Kyle Johnston, and Oluf Jensen, take care of customers both in their full service auto shop and on the roads around the County.

Shelburne Tire and Towing hits new milestone

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Staying in business for 20 years is considered a real milestone in the business community.

When you surpass three decades as a going concern, you must really be doing something right.

Dave and Mike Johnston of Shelburne Tire and Towing are now in their thirty-second year of business serving Dufferin County.

They started out in the Town of Shelburne, then moved to their current location at the corner of County Road 124, and 5 Sideroad, ten years ago.

"We started in August of 1988," Dave explained. "We are coming up on ten years at this location. We used to be on Industrial Road in Shelburne."

In addition to a towing operation, the shop is a full service automotive centre, with Mike as the chief mechanic.

The towing business operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year round. In addition to helping stranded motorists, they also work with police when there is an automobile accident requiring their assistance.

"It's about 50/50," Dave said of the split between towing and auto services. "Towing has really gotten busier over the last four or five years. We service all of Dufferin County, but we do have to tow vehicles to different locations like Barrie or Toronto. We have a lot of loyal customers and we know a lot of people."

The increase in the towing side of the business comes down to the fact the they have a good reputation in the industry as well as a modern well equipped tow truck fleet.

In the shop, Mike does full automotive service as well as a lot of tires. The shop gets especially busy during the fall when people want to switch to winter tires, and again in the spring when they want their summer rubber back on the car. They have a full line-up of top quality tires available.

"The biggest challenge is being open 24/7," Dave said. "We have to be available if the police need us or there is some kind of emergency. During off hours, if the police call our number, it will be forwarded directly to our driver's cell phone."

Dave added that there has been a marked increase in the amount of calls they receive from police to tow a car that is being impounded for stunt driving, meaning the driver was going over 50 km over the posted speed limit. Getting caught at that speed means you'll be looking for alternate transportation to get home.

If you get stuck at the side of the road in Dufferin County and need assistance, there's a good chance you'll meet someone from Dave and Mike's staff.

After over 30 successful years in the business, they have become the go-to guys when you need a tow or a set of tires on your vehicle.



TOWN OF SHELBURNE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Take notice that on Monday, September 21, 2020 the Council of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting pursuant to *The Development Charges Act, 1997*, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied to the West Area. It is proposed that enactment of a development charges by-law by Council would occur on a date subsequent to the public meeting.

Development charges are levied against new development and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2020 Area-Specific Development Charges – West Area Background Study relates to the provision of Roads, Water and Wastewater services to the West-Area of the Town of Shelburne.

Council is required under *The Development Charges Act, 1997* to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2020 Area-Specific Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed development charges by-law.

Date: Monday, September 21, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: 203 Main Street East, Shelburne, ON L9V 3K7

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting will be held electronically in accordance with Section 238 of the Municipal Act, 2001 which provides for Electronic Participation where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under Section 4 or 7.01 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

The meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing please contact the Clerk at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Wednesday September 16, 2020. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w>

Any person may attend the public meeting and make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the by-law. Written submissions are invited and should be directed to Jennifer Willoughby, Clerk (jwilloughby@shelburne.ca) no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday September 16, 2020. Written comments received prior to the meeting and submissions made at the public meeting will be considered by Council prior to the enactment of a new development charges by-law.

Technical inquiries should be directed to Steve Wever, Town Planner at planning@shelburne.ca.

A copy of the 2020 West Area Development Charges Background Study is available on the Town's website www.shelburne.ca and was posted Wednesday, July 29, 2020. A copy of the development charges by-law will be made available on the Town's website on or before Monday, September 6, 2020.

DATED AT the Town of Shelburne this 20th day of August 2020.

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"I love seeing people getting results, setting a goal, and helping them get there," Hannah said of the satisfaction she gets from working in the gym. "You get a lot of reward in different ways. I love that aspect of it."

Hannah is an endurance runner who has competed in 18 marathons including two times at the world renowned Boston Marathon. She also completed a 100 k, ultra marathon in Australia.

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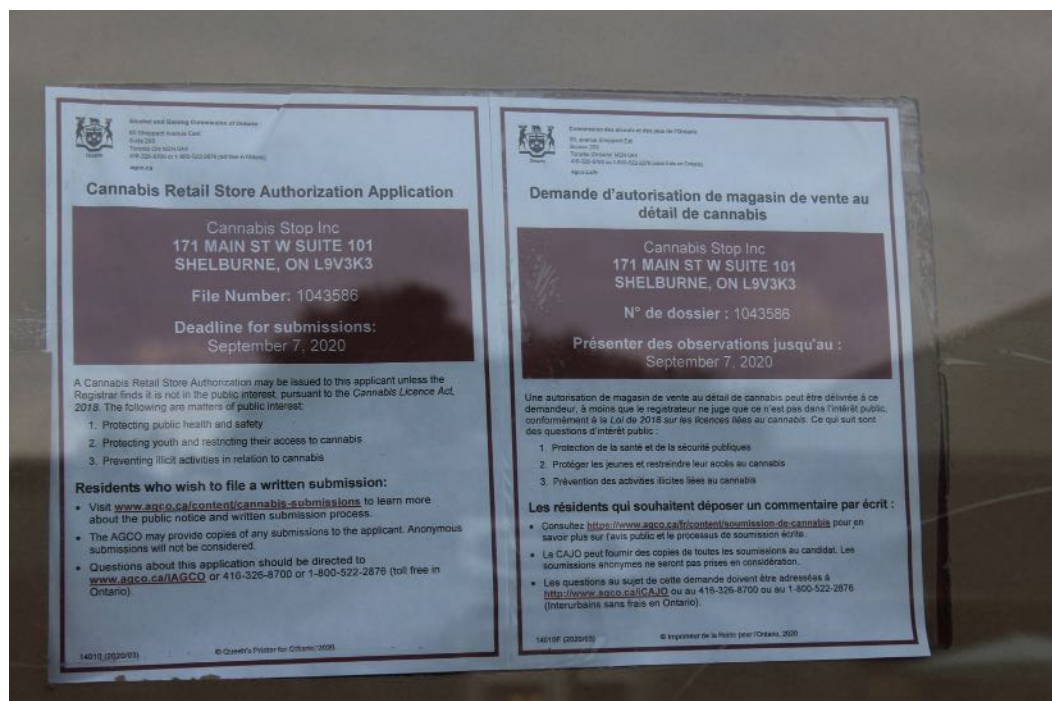


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CANNABIS RETAIL OUTLET COMING TO TOWN?: An application has been submitted to the AGCO to bring a cannabis retail store to the Shelburne community, with the current location for the store planned for 171 Main Street

Shelburne Council discusses cannabis retail store application

Written By PAULA BROWN

Shelburne Town Council discussed an application that has been submitted for a cannabis retail store to open up in the community, during their first meeting back from a summer break on Monday (Aug. 24).

According to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), an application has been submitted by Cannabis Stop Inc., with 171 Main Street serving as the proposed location for the shop.

During the council meeting, Mayor Wade Mills asked both the town planner and town clerk to offer general commentary on the process of opening the store, specifically whether or not it is permitted through the AGCO.

"We have received a number of inquiries since the retailing of cannabis was introduced by the Province," said Steve Wever, Shelburne's Town Planner.

Back in early 2019, when the initial retailing for cannabis was introduced to municipalities in Ontario, Shelburne was given the option of opting in or out for future cannabis retail sales. In January, shortly before the Province's deadline of Jan. 22, Shelburne council voted a unanimous "yes" to potentially allow a cannabis retail operation

to start up in the community.

"Under the zoning bylaw, the retail store definition is broad enough that it does capture the retailing of substances and basically the products that would be sold in a cannabis retail store; similar to the selling of tobacco and other products. (They are) all covered under that general definition," said Wever.

Jennifer Willoughby, Town Clerk, spoke about the licensing that would also be required if the business was approved by AGCO.

"As with all businesses in town they are required to apply for a business license application, they would of course have to provide the town with all of their AGCO permissions," said Willoughby. A layout of the store would also be required to be submitted.

Willoughby said there had not been any official applications for a license at the time of Monday's meeting.

An application to file an objection to the store is available for matters of public interest, which include protecting public health and safety, protecting youth and restricting their access to cannabis, an preventing illicit activities in relation to cannabis. The application is not anonymous.

The deadline to file objections is Sept. 7.

Hospital to host Walk, Run or Bike event in September

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Charities and organizations have been struggling to find different ways to raise funds during the difficult times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) was forced to cancel most of their signature events this year, including the 2020 Tour de Headwaters. The event features a fundraising cycling ride that raises almost \$80,000 for the Foundation.

In light of the cancellation, the Foundation created a Walk, Run or Bike Event to replace this year's Tour de Headwaters.

"This cancellation means that the Hospital will get \$80,000 less from the Foundation to support critically needed equipment and special projects across the Hospital," said Nicole Warren, Senior Coordinator, Direct Response, Marketing and Communications at Headwaters. "We are so pleased that despite the cancellation, many cyclists, walkers and runners have decided to rally their friends, family and colleagues to head out and enjoy an independent day of cycling, walking or running to raise funds for Headwaters, while enjoying our beautiful community between September 4 and 27."

The HHCF team has created an online source for members of the community to raise their own funds through either walking, running or biking; whichever they pre-

fer.

It gives the community the opportunity to stay involved in the event while supporting Headwaters, as well as ensuring the local hospital continues to receive funds that are much needed to upgrade equipment.

"While this isn't the day we'd planned for Tour de Headwaters, everyone can still enjoy a great day out. To assist our community in planning their individual/family/group activities. The Tour de Headwaters Planning Committee will be posting some of their favourite routes and trails as samples to help everyone get out and about," said Warren.

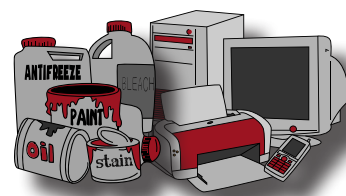
Community groups have begun organizing their own fundraising pages for the event. "They are not hosted by the Foundation. Supporters have the option to start their own fundraising page, and also decide if they would like to walk, run or cycle within the area of Dufferin County," said Warren.

Headwaters Health Care Foundation is hopeful that the community can raise over \$20,000 during the event, individually or in a group effort.

"As an added bonus, some of our past Tour supporters have agreed to provide vouchers for the walkers, runners or cyclists who raise or donate \$50 or more. So far, Heatherlea, Higher Ground Cafe, the Common Good Cafe & General Store and Tin Roof will all be participating," said Warren.

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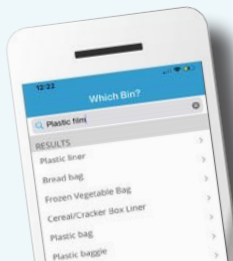
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While not ultra-visible, homelessness is an issue in Dufferin

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Tent cities lined under highway bridges, panhandlers sitting on curbs, and bodies curled in sleeping bags along city streets and storefronts – these are all symbols of urban homelessness.

Within the borders of Dufferin County and Caledon, surrounded by rural landscape, the visible signs of homelessness are often hidden.

Despite being ‘hidden’ from the general eye of the public, experts all agree that this is a growing problem in the region.

“Homelessness in Caledon can tend to be hidden,” said Region of Peel’s Housing Client Services Manager, Leslie Moreau. “People moving from place to place; unstable housing. There are certain people that live in the rough in the Caledon area.”

“The term hidden refers to people who are couch surfing, squatting, sleeping rough out of sight, staying with friends etc. The people who do not access service,” said Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services at the County of Dufferin. “We are seeing people coming onto the BNL who have been, or continue to be homeless and who haven’t accessed services before.”

The By Name List, or BNL was implemented into Dufferin County in May of 2019, a tool used to identify vulnerable community members experiencing homelessness and connect them to a number of services. The list also offers demographics found in the homeless community of Dufferin County.

“Since the start of the BNL there have been 127 homeless people who have connected with the programs, of which 56 percent were male, 43 percent female and 2 percent transgender,” said McGregor. “Some of these individuals have been housed, while others have relocated to other areas or remain homeless.”

Updated numbers from July 31 of this year show there are 16 members on the BNL, with 69 percent male, and 31 percent female. BNL also notes an age split for homelessness, with 31 percent considered to be youth (24 years of age and under), 63 percent adult (25 to 59) and 6 percent senior (60+).

“The percentage of seniors experiencing homelessness has consistently been much lower than youth and adults,” said McGregor.

Now into its 20th year, Choices Youth Shelter provides a variety of services to homeless youth in the Orangeville and surrounding areas. With a facility located on Townline, the organization assists individuals between the ages of 16 and 24, providing an alternative to living on the street and, according to the organization’s website, helps its residents “transition to a more productive and brighter future”.

“While our numbers here at the shelter are low currently, because we’ve had to do that (due to the ongoing pandemic), we know that there is youth homelessness within Dufferin County,” said Althea Casamento, director of Choices Youth Shelter. She says there is an undetermined number of homeless youth in Dufferin County currently.

Region of Peel has found through surveys that 34 percent of individuals struggling with homelessness are female, and 23 percent considered youth. Around 13 percent are living rough together as a family. Breaking down the statistics further, 9 percent of the homeless community are Indigenous, 8 percent identified LGBTQ+, 3 percent are refugee claimants, 2 percent were involved in the military and 1 percent are transgender.

“In March, just before COVID hit, we were showing just about 850 to 900 attending our emergency shelters. So, people that we knew about that were in our shelters somewhere in Peel Region,” said Moreau. “Today we are only seeing 578 people. Since COVID struck, we’ve housed 434 individuals and families.”

Whether it be family issues or financial instability, one key factor that impacts anyone struggling to find a home, especially in Peel region, is the rising costs of housing, which various people working within the social service industry have told us are unaffordable for a lot of people. Though Peel Region has increased its affordable housing inventory, there are still many left to struggle due to the high costs.

“Searching for adequate housing is a full-time job. There are frustrations surrounding the cost of housing and housing stocks,” said Coral McMahan, Care Coordinator at Caledon Community Services. “Both of those make affordable, safe housing, difficult to acquire.”

She added, “During fiscal year [in Caledon] we have seven people categorized as being (homeless), living on the street, two in a shelter, one in an emergency shelter and 28 people staying with family and friends.”

Dufferin County released an updated version of their 10-year housing and homelessness plan in September 2019. The document showed the highest percentage of low-income households existed in the rural parts of the county; highest areas included Melancthon, Grand Valley, Mulmur and Shelburne.

According to Dufferin County the number of households that applied to be on the waitlist for community housing was 286 in 2018, with the current waitlist for housing between 4 and 8 years.

“This is a national, provincial and Dufferin problem. It is a challenge for people who are housed and doubly so for those who are homeless,” said McGregor. “There is a lack of affordable housing. Rising house prices



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HOMELESSNESS ISSUE: Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, between 850 and 900 people in Peel Region were visiting the municipality’s emergency shelter. Now, the Region is reporting 578 people using their services, although that doesn’t mean the issue of homelessness is getting any better.

are pricing people out of the private market. There is not enough supply for affordable rental to fill the gap.”

Tent cities have become a large symbol of the housing affordability crisis that currently exists. Commonly found in larger urban areas, Orangeville Police Services (OPS) Sgt. Mary Lou Archer said that OPS has seen tents occasionally in the area.

OPS also says that they occasionally receive calls involving homeless people, but it is not tracked through their Records Management System.

“Often calls in relation to a homeless person will come in as a suspicious person, or possibly an ambulance assist,” said Sgt. Archer.

Caledon Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) recognize homelessness within the Caledon community, and have been specifically trained to help those in unsafe situations and to make referrals to agencies such as Caledon Community Services, or Region of Peel, to offer help.

“Since early 2016, Caledon OPP and Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) have been working closely to create a crisis support team in Caledon to help our community to address the complex issues faced by individuals going through crisis,” said Iryna Nebogatova, Community Safety Officer and Media Relations. “The 24/7 Crisis Support Team is made up of a police officer who is trained in mental health, crisis support and a social worker.”

She added, “This service is available for people who are 16 years and older experi-

encing a mental health or addictions crisis, having difficulties coping and also provides support and referrals. The team also assists with short-term housing needs for individuals in need.”

Mental health and addictions are known issues that can directly lead into homelessness. CMHA Peel Dufferin shows numbers of 55 percent of individuals who cope with homelessness experience mental health issues, and 31 percent struggle with addiction.

“People who are homeless are more likely to have poor mental health in contrast to the general population. There is also the ‘chicken and the egg’ debate over whether one caused the other and vice versa,” said Courtney McGlashen, Manager of Outreach and Housing Support Programs at CMHA Peel Dufferin.

Many resources are available for individuals, families, youth and anyone struggling with homelessness in the area. Caledon Community Services provides services through The Exchange, and even provides transportation. CCS works closely with the Peel Outreach team on a regular basis in order to provide a broader and accessible list of resources.

Dufferin County offers services that range from shelter to food. Specific services provided include Family Transition Place, Choices Youth Shelter, Highlands Youth for Christ, Lighthouse, Salvation Army, County’s Community Service Department, and food banks.

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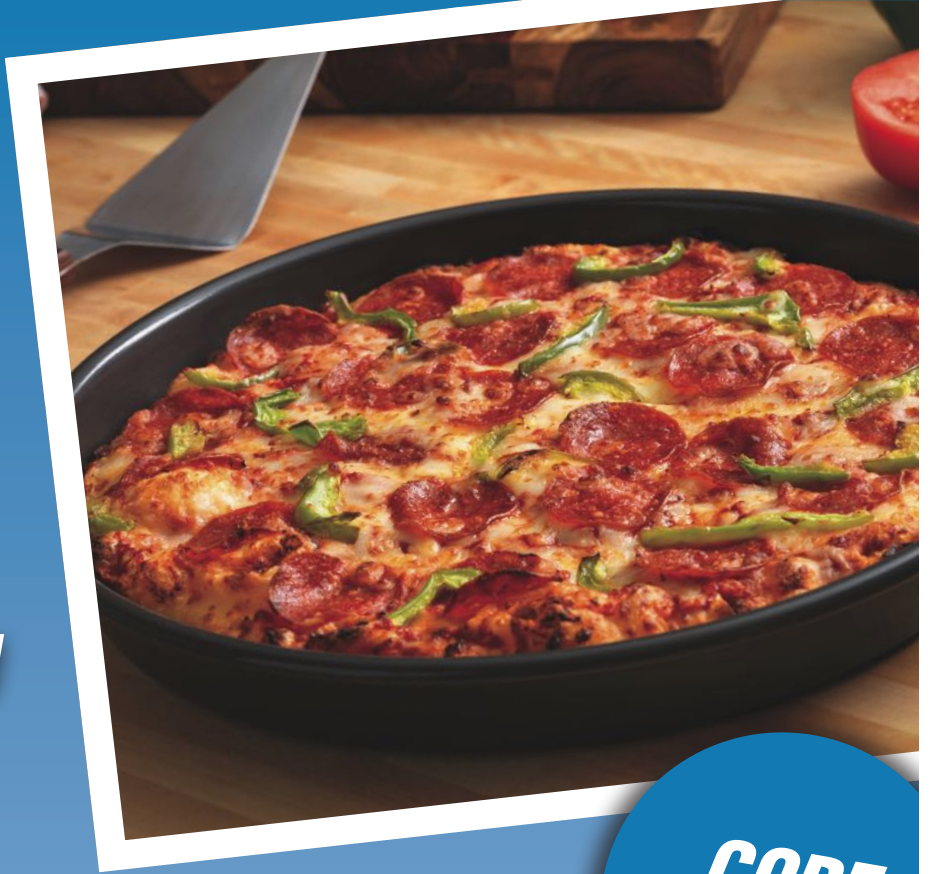
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