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## Local residents rebrand Shelburne Welcome Wagon, excited to continue 90 year tradition

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two Shelburne residents are looking to continue the Welcome Wagon, a 90 year old tradition that went bankrupt earlier this year, with a rebranding, now going by the name Shelburne Community Welcome.

"I thought it was really sad that what I got from Welcome Wagon wouldn't be given to the new people moving in," said Bella Carter, one of the organizers of the local program.

Shelburne Community Welcome, is a program organized by local co-volunteers Bella Carter and Sandra Gallagher. The program focuses on welcoming and connecting new residents to the Shelburne area with a visit to their home and a giving of a welcome basket with items donated by local businesses.

"It's really nice when you're in a community where you don't know anyone to receive something saying welcome, stay in touch," said Carter, touching on her own feelings of loneliness she experience after moving to Shelburne in 2018.

The Welcome Wagon was founded in the U.S in 1928 by marketing man Thomas Briggs. The concept of the Welcome Wagon was inspired from frontier settlers in the mid to late 1800's and their Conestoga "welcome wagons" that were a communal way of greeting westward travelers by providing fresh food and water for their journey.

"They were new, they didn't know what to do, they didn't have a home or house," said Carter. "They would bring them baked goods and things from the locals, the few other people that lived in town at the time."

According to the Welcome Wagon website, Briggs, while looking to "embody this same spirit of warm hospitality and welcome" hired women who were friendly and knowledgeable about their neighbourhood, and who would personally deliver gift baskets supplied by local businesses. The operation began in Canada in the 1930s and became a wholly Canadian company in 1979. The American part of the company stopped in-person visits in the 1998.

On May 4, after operating for 90 years in

the local community, Welcome Wagon officially shut down.

Carter, who was asked to be a Welcome Wagon representative prior to its shut down, wanted to continue the tradition.

"This is something I like to do, meeting people and connecting," said Carter.

After recruiting Sandra Gallagher, who works with the Shelburne Rotary, Carter says that they both started contacting businesses who had their contracts with Welcome Wagon cancelled with the shutdown and other local vendors to become a part of the new Shelburne Community Welcome.

"They started coming on board and we're really excited," said Carter.

Shelburne Community Welcome has, at the time of print, 18 local businesses that are taking part in the program with others waiting on confirmation.

With an excel sheet full of names, Carter says they are hopeful to be back out giving baskets to new neighbours, and residents by fall.

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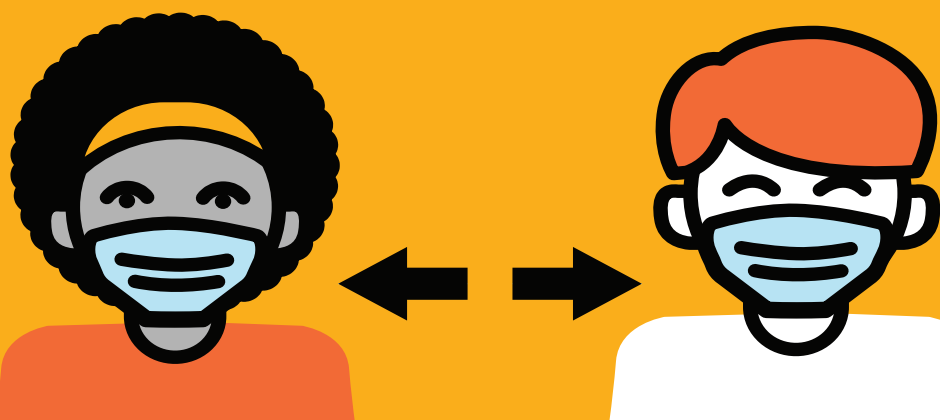
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- **Hand hygiene** will be enabled with hand sanitizer and hand washing.
- **More nurses** will be in schools.
- **School cleaning** will be enhanced.



## Shelburne Council meetings to continue online for rest of 2020

Written By PAULA BROWN  
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Shelburne Town Council will continue to hold their council, board, and committee meetings electronically for the remainder of 2020.

Town Clerk Jennifer Willoughby presented a report to Council on Monday (Sept. 14), which recommended the continuation of electronic meetings for the rest of the year.

"With the potential for a second wave of COVID-19 in October, staff are recommending a very cautious approach to returning to in-person council meetings," said Willoughby during the meeting.

Shelburne Town Council has been holding electronic meetings since early April, as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Council electronic meetings previously had only been allowed during a Declaration of Emergency, made by either the province or municipality. Electronic meetings have since been made a permanent allowance through Bill 197, or the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act 2020.

A second wave of COVID-19 has been labelled probable by Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, and was highlighted as the major reason for the recommendation to continue meetings virtually.

"We've seen an increase in the number of positive cases over the last few weeks with just recently the announcement of several Quebec Cabinet Ministers and Mayors having to self-isolate after one of them tested positive for COVID-19," Willoughby noted.

Mayor Wade Mills, during the meeting, inquired if public health had offered any direction or recommendations for the local municipalities on the decision to remain virtual. Willoughby says that weekly meetings for updates have been held, but that they have not provided any guidance or direction.

Other councillors also brought up the possibility of in-person meetings that could be

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Jennifer Willoughby  
Town Clerk

live streamed to the public.

Hybrid models that provide both in-person and electronic meetings are being researched by lower tier municipalities in Dufferin. In October of 2019, Shelburne purchased eScribe software, including a camera to provide streaming of in-person meetings, but this, Willoughby says, would come with additional costs of around \$50,000.

Willoughby, in the report, noted there has been an increase in public engagement since council meetings began being held electronically. According to the report, attendance in-person by public members at council meetings average approximately 8 to 18 people, while views through live streaming have averaged 119.

"Public engagement while offering an electronic virtual process has significantly increased. By allowing residents and members of the public to view the live stream of the council meeting at their leisure, on their own time, as opposed to providing an in-person session, we're getting more interest" said Willoughby.

Shelburne Town Council will continue throughout 2020 with the electronic meetings, with town staff researching other opportunities from 2021.



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# Canadian perspective

It was September 13, 1759, when General Louis-Joseph Marquis de Montcalm looked out across a battlefield at the Plains of Abraham to find a firing line of regular British soldiers a kilometre wide over an open field.

Commanded by General James Wolfe, the British had successfully scaled the cliffs near Quebec City from the St. Lawrence River, to surprise the French defenders.

The battle that followed was short, it was all over in less than an hour, and ended with the French troops retreating in disarray.

General Wolfe was hit by three musket balls early in the battle and died on the field. Montcalm was also struck by musket fire and mortally wounded, dying the next morning. That British victory over 250 years ago changed the course of history in North America.

In English Canada, the Battle of the Plains of Abraham is noted as an historical event, but there is very little sentiment attached to it.

In French Quebec, however, they have not forgotten.

A plan to commemorate the 250th anniversary including a re-enactment of the battle in 2009 was met with threats of violence if it occurred.

Separatists in particular did not want to see a celebration of an event that resulted in a French defeat.

Regardless of the end result of the battle and the left over sentiment, it is indeed a defining historical event that shaped the country.

One of the forums I visit on regular basis posed the question, 'what are the defining events of Canadian history?'

It was interesting to note the various responses, which did change quite a bit from region to region.

However there was a general consensus among the armchair amateur historians about events which shaped the country and made the greatest impact.

The War of 1812 was considered historic, but in the end, didn't seem to be a defining moment – but rather a temporary two year blip in the building of a nation. Although the Battle of Lundy's Lane, a brutal battle fought in stifling hot temperatures at Niagara Falls, and at night, did get honourable mention for being one of the largest battles fought Canadian soil.

Confederation, of course made the top of everyone's list. Without the founding fathers coming together and forming the Dominion in 1867, the nation would have been a loosely aligned colony for who knows how many more decades.

In an alternate time line, the original four provinces could have tired of waiting and declared their own nation which would have resulted in a continent with quite a few more smaller countries.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge, was the first time the four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force fought together in the First World War. The resulting victory in the battle became a symbol of national achievement and sacrifice as the Canadian forces suffered over 10,000 casualties. Today, the battle is still celebrated and each year students travel to France to visit the memorial and keep the memory alive.

When the new Maple Leaf flag was introduced in 1965, it was not without controversy.

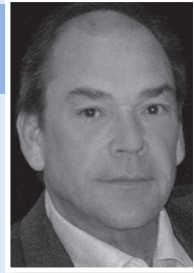
The country never had a flag other than the Red Ensign, which was not an official national flag. Rather it was unofficial but recognizable.

The debate regarding the creation of a new national flag became rather heated. Symbols tend to make some people angry.

In the end the new flag first flew on February 15, 1965, and has become one of the most easily recognizable and respected flags on the planet.

Of all the things former Prime Minis-

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



ter Pierre Trudeau accomplished during his tenure as head of government, the patriation of the Canadian Constitution and with it, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was arguably his crowing achievement as P.M.

The new constitution replaced the British North America Act and the Statute of Westminster.

While the BNA did work fine, the patriation of the constitution really did mean we had a unique and fully Canadian rule of law. There were several others suggestions for events that shaped the country.

Newfoundland joining Confederation in 1949 and adding 405,000 sq miles to the country is considered a huge deal. The creation of public health care was also in the top mentioned events.

While these events certainly contributed to the nation, I'm sure if you did a poll across the country, you would find at least some differences between western Canada, the eastern provinces, and Quebec, in which events they think are important.

You can't change history, but certain events certainly stand out more than others.

# Highways to climate chaos

What is the height of climate denial? Building more highways instead of railways to move people and goods. Obviously not a single Conservative MPP truly believes that climate change is an existential threat. Indeed, for our very own Sylvia Jones, climate change might be real on paper, but in practice, it is not a concern. Climate action is an inconvenience to her and every other local and provincial politician who wants to pave over farmland, cut the Greenbelt in half, and funnel some quick cash into the pockets of the construction industry.

Have you read about Highway 413, also known as the GTA West Corridor? It was abandoned by the governing Liberals in 2018. They shelved the project because after a decade of research, an expert panel concluded that the highway was not necessary and the environmental impacts were too intense. The proposed route of this highway runs from Kleinburg, across South Caledon, all the way West to Milton. In other words, the highway will serve primarily the trucking industry. This is despite the fact that subsidizing a dedicated trucking lane on the 407 could accomplish a very similar thing, at a fraction of the cost.

Even still, the fact remains that if more folks had access to transit, then trucks could get back on the existing publicly-owned highways with less congestion. Everyone knows that building more highway infrastructure doesn't actually ease traffic. Case in point: how are all my Toronto-commuter friends loving that extra lane on the 427 these days? Oh right. It didn't shave a single minute from your commute.

Look, I have sympathy for the many economic problems COVID-19 has presented to our provincial government. However, the response should never be to fast-track environmental assessments, which is how they are planning to get shovels in the ground as soon as possible. What Doug Ford is doing is undermining the assessment process in such a major way that many concerned citizens have no real recourse to challenge decisions that are being made. There are new Municipal Zoning Orders every month. These override local decision making.

Ironically, in the case of highway 413, one local council in particular, is keen to see this go forward. Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson is a huge proponent of the highway, and the last time I saw him (in 2018) he spoke of the project as though it was still a possibility. That's because he probably knew that if the Conservatives won a majority, they'd make it happen. Doug Ford said so on camera when he told a group of developers that he'd

open up the Greenbelt for them. And here he is, delivering on that promise. The highway will pave over 2000 acres of class 1 and 2 farmland and cross 53 water points. But we need streams and wetlands for flood mitigation. We need clean rivers for drinking water. We need clean air. We need clean skies. All of these things are compromised by the highway alone, not to mention the urban sprawl that will follow in decades to come.

The highway will likely cost us around \$6 billion of public money. I have no problem with governments spending money if they're making a good investment. Infrastructure of course, has historically been a golden ticket out of depressed economies. But highways don't create

jobs in any long-term sense. The opposite is true if we invest in transit. Building transit has the same economic benefits during the construction phase and would require an even wider variety of industries to come on board. But especially where it concerns major investments in railways, those projects will generate employment well into the future whether in administration, train maintenance, or operation.

The City of Brampton has already opposed the highway, as have a few other municipalities. Brampton is moving towards a different planning model that considers walkability as a key feature of any new development in the City. The reality is that more folks can and want to work from home, but those that still commute likely dream of the day when they can hop on a train to get to where they're going. Research has shown that commuters spend on average around 7 years of their life in a car. But train travel allows for workers to do more with their day. Across the world, people read, sleep, knit, draw, listen to podcasts, watch sports, or meditate on trains as they travel to work. Here in the GTA people prepare for harrowing winter commutes with coffee and gripped hands on steering wheels.

Our planet is quite literally burning. Solutions to our crisis abound. Political will to make change does not. But tackling climate change can achieve so many other important things- especially stimulate a sluggish economy. When was the last time you felt excited and inspired by something our provincial government did? I want to see a bold transit plan to meet the needs of a growing population. I want to see affordable housing. And I want to see planning that reflects the terrifying reality of life on a warming planet. More of the same just won't cut it. Innovation and bold solutions are what we need now.



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# Arrival of local railway put Proton Station on the map

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Current residents of Proton Station might not consider their corner of the world to be an actual ghost town, however when you consider the past history of the village it does qualify as a place that once was a bustling hub full of businesses that have now vanished.

It is located about 10 km north of Dundalk and just off Highway 10,

The town was first settled in the 1850's as a few pioneers made their way to the area.

Proton Station really became a spot on the map when the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway laid tracks and set up a train station in 1872. It was an unusual choice for a railway stop.

Even though the terrain is flat and level, the area is prone to spring flooding.

The first church in town was the Knox Presbyterian Church, later call Knox United, which was built in the mid 1870's.

Apparently the local community was quite religious. Sunday morning Sunday school registered 170 children for classes, with 14 Sunday school teachers in charge.

An Orange Lodge was established in the late 1870s, chapter 244.

The TG&B Railway was not financially successful and it was bought out by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1884. The CPR converted the narrow gauge rail to standard size and introduced telegraph services.

A post office opened in 1886 in a new store owned by Frederick Freeman. The store became a popular place for locals to gather and socialize.

By 1890, Proton Station had grown into a

small industrial community with around 75 residents.

There was a sawmill, run by the Boyd Brothers and two other saw mills and a lath mill run by James Carnochan and the Neilson Brothers.

The Neilsons built three houses to accommodate their mill workers. They also opened a general store.

Another important industry was the brick works owned William Irwin and J.C. Wright.

The brick works operated right up until 1932.

More business eventually sprung up around the town.

There was a hotel owned by Neil McLean, Trelford's hardware store, Blakely Woodworking, and the Pollock blacksmith shop.

The town knew they had really made the big time when the Bank of Hamilton (later part of the CIBC) opened a branch for local residents.

Tragedy struck the small town in August of 1901 when a CPR engine jumped the track and rolled.

A work crew with five teams of horses were installing a new siding as the train approached.

Three people were killed in the ensuing carnage and 15 railway cars were destroyed in the accident.

A family named the Devers started their own general store in the early 20th century. The store quickly became the place to hang out for local residents.

They were the first people to introduce electric lighting to the area. They also owned a radio and became the gathering spot for locals on Saturday nights to listen to radio



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**RAILWAY BUILT COMMUNITY:** The former Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway line, later the Canadian Pacific Line, that ran through Proton Station is now a recreational trail. Proton Station is still occupied, but the original village is long gone.

programs. The store burned down in 1933.

The town thrived through the mid 20th century.

In 1915 a new church, the Trinity Anglican Church was built.

In 1947 a decision was made to close the local school house as it was deemed unsafe.

The new school opened in 1948 and operated until the centralization of the school system in the mid 1960's.

After the Second World War, people began to move away. Both churches were abandoned and later demolished.

The railway tracks were removed in the 1980's and the rail bed converted to a recreational trail.

Proton Station is still there and still has residents, but the days of the townsfolk gathering at the general store to listen to the radio are over.

## Shelburne Police charge local teen following robbery at gunpoint

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Shelburne man is facing multiple charges after an electronics exchange turned into a robbery at gunpoint last week.

Shelburne Police Service (SPS) responded to a 9-1-1 call shortly after 1 p.m. last Wednesday (Sept. 9) of a man robbed at gunpoint in the industrial areas of Main Street and County Road 124.

The victim of the robbery provided police with a description of the suspect and his vehicle. SPS say that they located the suspect vehicle within three minutes of being dispatched to the call. The suspect was arrested and a black handgun was seized.

"The handgun ended up being an airsoft gun. It was black in colour and looks like a real gun, even up close," said SPS Sgt. Paul Neumann. "Not only did the victim believe it to be a real firearm, police also believed it to be real at the first moment it was seized from the suspect's car."

An investigation of the incident revealed that the victim was selling some electronics and had pre-arranged to meet the suspect.

SPS recovered the stolen items and say that nobody was injured during the incident.

Lucas Bragdon Ulch, 19, of Shelburne was charged with robbery using a firearm,

use imitation firearm to commit an offence, weapons dangerous, carry concealed weapon and possession of stolen property.

If anyone has any information in relation to this case they are encouraged to contact the Shelburne Police Service at 519-925-3312 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.

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- 21. Saints' signal caller
- 22. Intoxicate
- 25. Relationship
- 30. Ask for one's hand in marriage

- 31. Popular Will Ferrell film
- 32. Gargle
- 33. Warning sensation before migraine
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Erases
- 43. At ease
- 45. Small branch of an artery
- 48. Mother of Hermes
- 49. Body part
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Wellness chants
- 56. Helps little firms
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Peep
- 60. Nellie \_\_, journalist
- 61. Spiritual leader

- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Affirmative
- 64. Cheek

### DOWN

- 1. Popular kids' game
- 2. Away from wind
- 3. Round water pot
- 4. Drink quickly
- 5. A simple type of jet engine
- 6. Something for nothing
- 7. Painkiller
- 8. Siskel's pal
- 9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
- 10. Again
- 12. Imitate
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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Local golf tournament raises funds for Shelburne splash pad

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Around 100 golfers took to the links at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club to participate in the Shelburne Economic Development / Rotary Club of Shelburne 'Let's Make a Splash!' golf tournament on Thursday, September 10.

The golfers played 18 holes, and also participated in a silent auction.

Dinner was served, although it was out on the course as current restrictions would not allow the use of the Country Club dining hall after the golfers wrapped it up.

The Rotary Club is spearheading the effort to bring a new splash pad to the town.

"The Economic Development Committee always had this tournament and are partnering with the Rotary Club this year to make it a fundraiser rather than just a networking event," explained Rotary Club member Bobbi Ferguson. "We're partnering with the Town to build a splash pad."

The location of the splash pad hasn't been officially decided, however, Greenwood

Park is being considered as the most likely location.

"Today our registration started at 11, and the first tee-off was at 12:00 p.m.," Bobbi said. "We had a cross-over scramble start. Every ten minutes we have a foursome teeing off. One hundred percent of the proceeds from today will go toward building a splash pad. We're hoping to raise around \$12,000 today. Flato Developments gave us a cheque today for \$5,000. We have some private donors who gave a significant amount. Rotary has committed, at this time, it's \$20,000 but we might up-that if we get there faster than we think."

The goal is to ultimately raise the \$350,000 needed to build the splash pad.

Several innovations are planned for the new facility including re-circulated water rather than just having all the water go wasted down the drain.

It was a little cool for golf, but most of the people on the links wore a light jacket or hoodie and had a great day of 18 holes.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

SPLASH PAD FUNDRAISER: A foursome finishes a hole on the green during the Shelburne economic Development / Rotary Club of Shelburne 'Let's Make a Splash!' golf tournament at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club on Thursday, September 10.

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## CAT OF THE WEEK



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## Municipal leaders chosen to take part in Climate Leadership Course

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Four municipal councillors from across Dufferin County have been selected to take part in an upcoming national Climate Leadership Course.

Orangeville Coun. Grant Peters, Mono Mayor Laura Ryan, Grand Valley Deputy Mayor Philip Rentsch, and Mulmur Coun. Shirley Boxem, are the four municipal representatives that have been selected for the course, hosted by Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). The councillors will join 88 other leaders from across Canada to participate in the FCM's first-ever online course for municipal elected officials.

"Of 93 elected officials selected from across Canada, to have 4 municipal leaders from Dufferin County attending is really quite outstanding," said Mulmur Coun. Boxem.

The Climate Leadership Course is being offered through the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP) and is working to help deepen the leaders' knowledge and skills as climate leaders. According to FCM the elected officials that were selected to take part in the course demonstrated local climate leadership.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and learn from climate change leaders across the County", said Peters, Councillor for the Town of Orangeville. "I look forward to sharing the knowledge gained during the FCM course with my

colleagues here in Dufferin County."

In the course, leaders will complete three short assignments and three live chats starting in September and running through to November, hearing from experts. The course will conclude with a summit in Ottawa planned for January 2021.

"I applied to FCM's climate leadership course to learn about practical ideas that could be incorporated into the County's Climate Action Plan," said Rentsch. "I hope to absorb as much information as possible about the available opportunities, resources, and funding to support resilient infrastructure in our community."

Since 2018, Dufferin County has been a part of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program, a national network. In the sign to join the program Dufferin County joined 350 municipalities across Canada who are committed to reducing local greenhouse gas emission. During a county council meeting, council unanimously voted "yes" to adopt a "climate lens" into the municipal decision making process.

"As a County we've made a commitment to climate action," said Ryan, who is also the former Warden of Dufferin County. "FCM's climate leadership course is an important step in developing knowledge on the tools and best practices for implementing initiative like the climate lens."

Local councillors will start the course in September and will work through it until November.



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# EMPLOYEE of the week

## PAM TANNER

"I really enjoy working with the customers," said Pam Tanner, pharmacy assistant at Shelburne Town Pharmacy. "Our customers are great."

As a pharmacy assistant, Pam does a variety of functions in the store from dispensing pills and filling prescriptions to assisting customers at the front counter.

When she's not at work, she likes to get outdoors and enjoys 4-wheeling, camping, and being in the out of doors.

location

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position

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# Local farmers discuss Bill 156 with government officials

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin-Caledon farmers and agribusinesses joined government officials last week (Sept. 8) for a roundtable to consult on a provincial bill addressing food safety and trespassing on farm property.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Ernie Hardeman met with several local community farmers and agribusinesses to discuss the regulations with Bill 156, also known as Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act 2020, and receive feedback on the proposed regulations.

"Their input helps the Minister to clearly define the provisions that will be included in the regulations," said Jones. "This is necessary to reduce the risks posed to on-farm trespass and to better protect Ontario's animals and food supply chain."

Bill 156 looks to address the concerns

from farmers on food safety, biosecurity and feelings of being unsafe in their own homes created by trespassers.

"I think all Canadians, all Ontarians want safe food, a safe food system, and want animals treated humanely and we don't want, whether we're livestock producers or farmers or normal citizens, people trespassing on our property," said Bill McCutcheon, President of Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA), "This bill, this act kind of talks to all those things."

As a sheep farmer in Monticello, Ont., Bill McCutcheon hasn't personally experienced trespassers releasing his animals, but he has experience trespassing by different vehicles, damaging his crops.

"It's not just our business, it's where we live and it can be quite traumatic," said McCutcheon.

In the consultation one part of Bill 156 that was looked at was the defining of "animal zones", which McCutcheon says would

primarily focus on barns and some outside yards

"In the legislation if you're attacked or demonstrators pass into that animal zone then they're going to be charged," said McCutcheon, who also says the Bill gives more "teeth" and authority over the Trespassers Act.

Another part of Bill 156 for farmers is the biosecurity or the measures that are taken to minimize viruses and bacteria.

"Just like the public is battling with a virus right now, we in the livestock industry, we battle with viruses and bacteria all the time, we want to keep them off our farms," said McCutcheon. "We don't want people bringing them in on their tire, or shoes, or in their lungs and contaminating our livestock, we don't want our livestock to be sick, we want them to be healthy and productive. Biosecurity is huge on livestock farms."

Nearly 130 municipalities have passed or supported council resolution calling on the

government to strengthen protections for farm families, employees, and animals.

"Our government will always stand with Ontario's agri-food heroes who work hard every day so that food remains on grocery store shelves and family dinner tables – especially at this challenging time," said Minister Hardeman.

"We do have a lot of non-agriculture, non-farmers visiting our community and frankly I think some of them don't understand that just because the land looks like there's nothing growing in it that's definitely not the case," said MPP Jones.

Written submissions on the provisions of the Act are being accepted until Oct. 15 and can be sent to Ontario's Regulatory Registry.

"We want to make sure that the public is safe, that the public has safe wholesome food and we want to work together with the public to do that," said McCutcheon. "That we produce food in a sustainable and humane way and that our businesses are protected."

# Dufferin County to officially recognize Indigenous history with land acknowledgment

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Growing up in Dufferin County in the 1980s, Debbie Sipekema, can remember being taught the history of Orangeville.

"They were trying to get people to go and visit the area so they wanted us to have the ability to give them the history, but like everywhere else the history gets missed, with important pieces," said Sipekema, chair and co-founder of Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC).

The history she recalls learning was that of Orange Lawrence and how he found "this environment where nobody could have possibly lived". The missing important piece of history she alludes to is that of the Indigenous Peoples who resided here.

Dufferin County, during their meeting on Thursday (Sept. 10), had a presentation of its newly drafted land acknowledgment, which will be read at the beginning of each County Council meeting from now on.

It's a step forward toward reconciliation Sipekema says adding, "considering for a long, long time the County all but filed their Indigenous connection under I for ignore."

The recommended statement approved at the meeting acknowledges the traditional territory and ancestral land, where Dufferin

County resides, of the Tionontati (Petun), Attawandaron (Neutral), Haudenosaunee (Six Nations), and Anishinaabe peoples.

"Historically Dufferin County was occupied by different First Nations groups at various times, one group essentially displacing another," said Julie McNeven, education programmer at Museum of Dufferin.

With the land acknowledgment McNeven says that emphasis is placed on ally ship, celebrating the history and culture, and the relationship Indigenous People had and still have with the land.

"By engaging in dialogue, listening and learning we are committing to the key cornerstones of ally ship," McNeven says.

The statement also acknowledges that Dufferin County resides on treaty lands including the Haldimand Deed of 1784, and two of the Williams Treaties of 1818 (Treaty 18: the Nottawasaga Purchase and 19: the Adjutant Treaty).

While the statement, which was created with the help of Indigenous consultants, is described by McNeven as "comprehensive and inclusive", Debbie Sipekema adds that she would like to see some of the history and information expanded on.

Aside from the land acknowledgment Sipekema notes that the learning on why land acknowledgements are needed, is a big part

that needs to be understood.

Dufferin County has left the land acknowledgment as a "living document" and the DCCRC Sipekema said is planning to come forward with recommendations to further

the statement after consulting elders in the nine communities within Dufferin.

The County will start reading the acknowledgment at its next meeting on Oct. 8.

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Have you seen our first Community Reader yet? We will be featuring a Community Reader for our Monday night Story Time every week! These Community readers are great friends of our library and have chosen some excellent stories to read to you. Check at 7:00 pm on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram pages to see who is reading each week.

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LEGO Club: We miss hanging out with our LEGO Club members so much. But since we aren't able to have LEGO as a group yet, we are posting build challenges every Wednesday. Did you build something really awesome? Share a picture with us by tagging us on social media, or email it to children@shelburnelibrary.ca.

Sleepy Story Time: Each Thursday evening the Shelburne Public Library has a fun addition to your bedtime routine - our livestream Sleepy Story Time! Join us at 7:00 pm and listen to four new stories every week.

Story Time: Friday mornings, 10:30 am - Each Friday a brand new Story Time video is released. These videos are great to watch on their own, but are even more fun when you've picked up your bag full of take-home Story Time crafts! Each week we sing songs, listen to a story, and then follow the instructions for the crafts in our craft bags. For the month of September, we will be reading about school and making friends.



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# Former finance minister broke Elections Act during local visit

Written By MIKE BAKER

Former federal finance minister Bill Morneau has been charged with breaking election rules following a visit to Dufferin-Caledon last year.

In a report published last Thursday (Sept. 10), Yves Cote, Commissioner of Canada Elections, found that Mr. Morneau broke a section of the Canada Elections Act when he shared photos taken at a pair of events, one of them in Caledon, on his official social media channels.

On Aug. 27, 2019, Mr. Morneau, in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, was given a tour of Spirit Tree Estate Cidery in Caledon, where he met with local families and business leaders. Michele Fisher, the Liberal Party candidate in Dufferin-Caledon for the 2019 federal election, attended the tour. Both Mr. Morneau and Ms. Fisher shared a photo of their meeting at the tour on the respective personal social media accounts.

Following the tour, Mr. Morneau spoke with the Free Press, discussing Ms. Fisher's credentials as a prospective Member of Parliament.

"It seems to me that having someone who has a fresh approach for this area, who has an understanding of the business community and the opportunities, is really important," Mr. Morneau said.

A second event, taking place earlier on July 29, 2019, saw Mr. Morneau meet with Liberal Party candidate Anita Anand at an event in Oakville. At this event, described as

a roundtable discussion with local business leaders, business owners and residents, Mr. Morneau singled out Ms. Anand, highlighting her "significant accomplishments" and supporting her bid to become an MP in Oakville.

Mr. Morneau would later publish a post about his Oakville visit on his Facebook account, which included a photo of himself and Ms. Anand.

According to Mr. Cote, federal ministers are prohibited from using public resources and funds from their departmental budgets for partisan purposes. A guide published in 2015, titled Open and Accountable Government, states that all federal ministers should ensure that official Government of Canada communications be consistent with overall government objectives and decisions. Specifically, the guide notes that ministers ensure that all official government communication products, included social media accounts, be devoid of partisan content.

Mr. Cote felt the comments made by Mr. Morneau at the event in Oakville provided a partisan benefit to Ms. Anand and the Liberal Party. He would go on to state that, by introducing and promoting both Ms. Fisher and Ms. Anand at the two events, this caused the expenses related to these events to benefit the Liberal Party.

This is where Mr. Morneau, essentially, broke the Elections Act, according to Mr. Cote. The Act prohibits anyone but individuals from donating to political parties. Since the federal government footed the bill for the two events, to the tune of \$1,661, it was



FILE PHOTO

**MORNEAU CHARGED:** Former federal finance minister Bill Morneau (right) has been charged with breaking the Elections Act after posting a photo on his official social media account of himself and at-the-time Liberal candidate Michelle Fisher at an event in Caledon

determined that Mr. Morneau had circumvented the rules.

In his report, Mr. Cote says "there is no indication that Mr. Morneau intended to use public resources for directly partisan purposes. Nor is there any indication that Mr. Morneau personally participated in planning any of the tours in question". Mr. Cote also

noted that Mr. Morneau and his office cooperated fully with the investigation.

Mr. Morneau has been ordered to pay a \$300 fine for his actions, accounting for \$150 per tour. He has also been asked to acknowledge the charge on his social media channels, which he did so last Thursday.

# Popular Headwaters physicians receive prestigious award

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A pair of local physicians from Headwaters Health Care Centre have been named as recipients of the 2020 Council: Community Family Practice Awards.

Dr. Stephen Milone and Dr. Stephanie Milone are honoured to be the recipients of one of the four annual College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's Awards.

Both Dr. Milones have been with Headwaters since 2006, practising in the emergency medicine, family medicine and anesthesia Departments. They provide mentorship to students, other physicians and local high school students who are looking to head down the medical career path.

"I have had the privilege of working with the Milones since they arrived at our hospital 14 years ago. This award does not come

as a surprise; you couldn't meet two more dedicated, passionate educators and leaders," said Headwaters hospital Chief of Staff, Dr. Peter Cino.

Both Dr. Stephen and Dr. Stephanie Milone have been residents of the Dufferin-Caledon area for 14 years, and have contributed to their community not only at the hospital but through volunteer work and community services.

Choice Youth Shelter, Family Transition Place, the Out of the Cold Shelter Program and Soup Sisters Charity have all been graced with the medical assistance and volunteer work from the duo. They both even offered their services internationally, at a missionary hospital in Herbertpur, India.

A collection of local doctors took the time to congratulate the Milones on this prestigious award.

"The wonderful irony of the Milones, if

they are chosen for this award, they will not just place it on the wall, but they will use this opportunity to encourage others to reach out into their own communities to do the same," said Dr. Anna Davenport.

Dr. Sharon Reece also remarked, "Rural communities need advocates and leaders like the Milones who not only pursue clinical excellence for themselves, but also share their passion with the next generation of physicians."

On top of the 2020 Council: Community Family Practice Award, they both have been previously honoured with other prestigious awards such as the Ontario Community Family Medicine Teachers of the Year Award in 2010, the Ontario Family Physicians of the Year Award in 2014 and the Headwaters Dr. David Scott Award in 2017.

"Our hospital is lucky to have physicians like them," said Dr. Cino.



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**DOCTORS HONOURED:** Dr. Stephen and Stephanie Milone have been named as recipients for the 2020 Council: Community Family Practice Award

# Shelburne Legion remaining closed during ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Written By PAULA BROWN  
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With things remaining uncertain due to the lingering nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shelburne Legion has decided to remain closed to the general public for the time being.

"We're hoping to stop the spread by not having it (come through our doors)," said Lesa Peat, President at Shelburne Legion. "It seems as though it's spreading between bars."

The Shelburne Legion, along with other

Royal Canadian Legions across the country, closed their doors back in March during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite Dufferin's move to Phase 3 in July, the Shelburne Legion has remained closed for both health and financial reason.

Since being closed, the local legion has been able to use their lottery licensed account to pay for the finances associated with the building. Peat says that that they don't believe the revenue from opening would be able to outweigh the expenses to operate.

While the doors have remained closed to

the general public, they did open for veterans on Aug. 5. It was a day that Peat says was extremely emotional.

"Most of them were crying," said Peat.

Legions have been taking part in a program known as the Buddy Check, which allows veterans to connect and talk with each other. In August the Shelburne Legion connected a Flesherton veteran, part of what Peat calls the "younger veterans", with a group of 15 other young veterans.

"I think it's mentally helping them, the ones that have their issues, they at least still get to talk to someone, ask advice," said

Peat. "They're given information that they don't normally know about, such as where funding is and where help is."

Although still closed, the Legion is still hosting its early bird membership draw, which runs until November 30. There is no set date for a reopening of the Shelburne Legion.

"The executives of this branch are doing the best that they possibly can to keep everybody safe, to be proactive and to do what's good and to stop the spread," said Peat.

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