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## Local community activists combine to launch Dufferin County Canadian Black Association

Written By **PAULA BROWN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After months of work creating a platform fostering inclusion and equity, the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) has officially launched – the first of its kind within the County of Dufferin.

“Having this central hub, is the way to have a platform where we can have a voice, where we can share information, where we can collectively understand what is happening within our community, be that strong central voice to be able to effect change, whatever that change may be,” said Alethia O’Hara Stephenson, founder and president of the organization.

Dufferin County Canadian Black Association was registered as an organization back in June by Shelburne resident, Alethia O’Hara Stephenson. O’Hara Stephenson said the organization forms a platform “where we can collectively have a voice for the black community.”

Although, in the talk stages of establishment for over a year, the Black Lives Matter Marches that occurred both globally and locally early in 2020 as well as the COVID-19

pandemic served as catalyst to its formation.

“There was a heightened need to act, to do something, and to create that central space where we could have an advocacy, have a voice, provided leadership and elevate the black community to a greater position where we can contribute, and of course enhance our experiences as well,” said O’Hara Stephenson.

As an organization the DCCBA is working to bring different educational programs to the community that include coding, financial literacy, tutoring and entry to municipal politics. The organization will also be hosting a series called Ask Our Experts, which is scheduled to start in January of 2021.

“We have different experts in the industry coming on to provide advice, valuable information that will benefit the community,” said O’Hara Stephenson.

The Dufferin County Canadian Black Association is also working on bring services directed specifically at youth within the community; creating a new scholarship for black students to support access to post-secondary schooling.

“Dufferin County also stepped up by expanding the existing Bill Hill scholarship to

black students in Dufferin County,” she added.

Dufferin County has seen significant growth in its diverse population within the last half decade. O’Hara Stephenson says that without a “central hub” for resources, they “don’t know what is happening with the black community,” which she notes restricts their knowledge on possible impacts such as COVID-19.

The DCCBA currently consists of a Board of Directors that include O’Hara Stephenson, Jhordane Stephenson, and Geer Harvey as well as a community outreach team consisting of Althea Casamento and Phil Dewar.

The organization is open to become a member, register your business or donate to support their work.

“Despite the name, Black Association, we are an inclusive organization,” said O’Hara Stephenson. “We welcome anyone who would like to partner, who would like to support [us] and as we offer programs, it is inclusive for all parties.”

For more information about the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association, including their services and programs go to their website at www.dufferincountyca.org.

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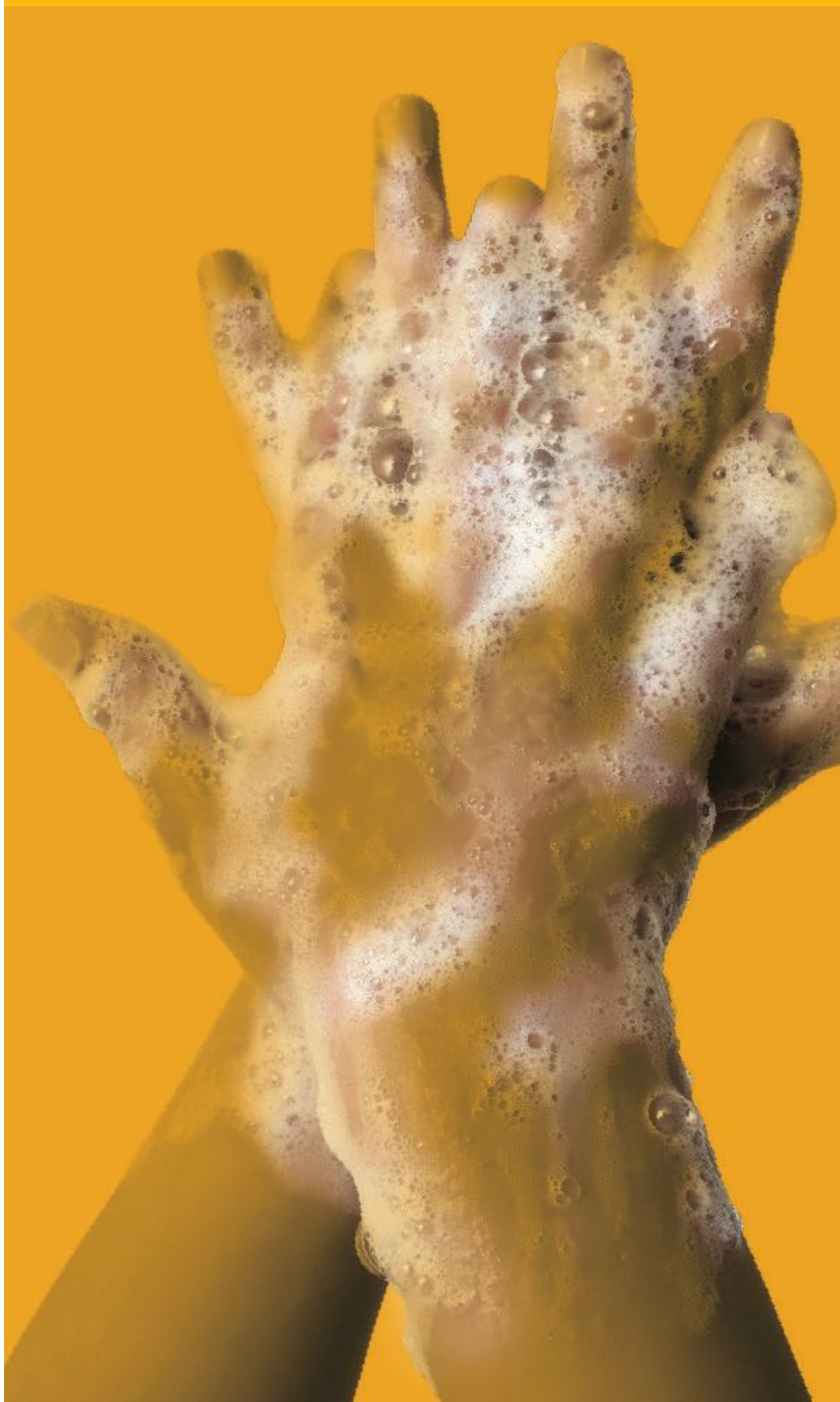
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## CDRC board reverses decision to bring OJSL games to Shelburne

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario Junior Super League (OJSL) will not be making its way to Shelburne, as a majority of the Dufferin County Recreation Centre Board of Management votes “no” to have the local arena act as the league’s hub.

“It’s with great remorse, that I say that we, the CDRC board, thank you, but refuse the offer to contract the time required for the Super League to use the facility through the 2020-2021 timeframe,” said board member Laura Ryan. “Due to the COVID-19 restrictions at this time.”

The CDRC Board of Management held a public special meeting via Zoom last Thursday (Nov. 12), after concerns surrounding exposure to COVID-19 and hosting the OJSL were brought up by the community. The meeting, which was attended by CDRC board members, community residents, stakeholders and OJSL President Dwayne McKillop, looked to further discuss whether Shelburne’s arena would act as a hub for the league’s 2020/21 season.

At the meeting Dwayne McKillop, President of the OJSL, spoke to the board addressing the concerns of COVID-19 exposure that have been brought up by the community, as well as why the league was looking at Shelburne as their host for the season.

The OJSL, a tier II Junior A league, consists of nine teams with players primarily from the Halton region and a few players coming in from the GTA, McKillop said. Due to volume of other leagues in the Halton region McKillop said they haven’t been able to get “hub ice” to create the environment of safety they want in the league.

“We don’t want to play in multiple arenas, we want to play in one arena and we want to be able to assure the safety of the kids,” said McKillop.

Shelburne Minor Hockey, one of the current user groups of the CDRC arena, spoke to some of the concerns their registrants have had, noting that the local league is restricted to its own public health unit.

“They’re looking at it as though the CDRC is our community centre and it’s providing the ability to obviously have hockey and figure skating, and there’s a certain level of comfort in the fact that we’re not sharing that facility,” said the rep from Shelburne Minor Hockey.

The OJSL first met with the CDRC at the



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**NO TO OJSL:** The CDRC board of management has reversed its decision to allow OJSL games to take place in town.

end of October to discuss having the local arena act as a hub for the league’s season and had already given a rental payment prior to the board’s decision to decline.

Concerns about the league holding its season at the local arena began to rise with the increasing numbers of the COVID-19 cases and the knowledge that players in the league would be travelling from zones designated “Red”, “Yellow”, and “Orange”.

In the lead up to their vote many of the Board members cited COVID-19 concerns and a responsibility to the community for their reason for declining.

Dufferin County Warden Darren White, who also sits on the board, addressed the other members before the vote was given.

“I can tell you if this board is not really willing to give this plan, serious reconsideration than other higher levels of government may well take that decision on your hands,” said White.

Following the meeting and the board’s decision to vote “no,” CDRC Board of Management Chair, Chris Gerrits spoke to the Free Press about the board’s initial pursuit of allowing the league.

“At the time we thought that what he was saying sounded good, which is why we directed staff to gather more information and start the process, but that being said, a lot of things have changed in two weeks,” said Gerrits.

The Free Press made several attempts to contact McKillop to comment on where the league will go next, but did not receive a response.

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## Development

In the quest to turn southern Ontario into one giant parking lot complete with paved urban sprawl over farm land, field, and wooded areas, the provincial government is taking a dangerous step when it comes to allowing developers the opportunity to side-step current regulations.

There is a bill (229) that is going to be passed that will allow the Minister of Natural Resources to make decisions on new developments and override the recommendations of conservation authorities around the province.

The developers are certainly on board with this. They've started their own propaganda campaign.

There is a commercial running lately on Toronto radio by a developer's association telling us how they have to start building thousands and thousands, maybe more, of homes in municipalities everywhere.

One line in the commercial says, "Having a safe and comfortable place to live is more important than ever before."

More important than ever before? I'm pretty sure having a place to live 20 years ago was just as important as it is having a place to live today. Did people in the 1950's live with leaky roofs, crumbling walls, and broken plumbing because they hadn't yet

figured out safe and comfortable building techniques?

People living a century or five centuries ago also thought having a home was rather important. In fact having a place to live has been one of the most important things of all time along with having water and a food supply.

This new bill will allow developers to appeal conservation authorities' decisions directly to the minister who could then wave his hand and allow a development to proceed despite objections by environmental scientists.

The provincial government says the changes are supposed to speed up the process for small environmentally insignificant projects.

The truth is, projects are only 'small and insignificant' when they aren't happening in your back yard.

That's a dangerous combination to have government officials working with a private business in that capacity. It not only undermines the expertise of environmental professionals, it opens the door for all sorts of underhanded business.

Conservation Authorities exist for a reason. They are local watershed management agencies that deliver services and

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An important part of the Conservation Authorities' work is controlling development near wetlands, floodplains, slopes, and the Great Lakes shorelines. They advise municipalities to ensure developments are compatible with a healthy and sustainable environment and consistent with the Provincial Policy and plans.

If the government thinks we need more housing maybe the first step should be to take a look at why there aren't enough houses.

Demand at the current time is outweighing supply, and by a large margin.

I had a conversation with a real estate agent the other day who told me the prices for a small townhouse in his small town will be moving towards the \$900,000 mark. That's a ridiculous price and no one should be forced to pay that for a roof over their head.

Speaking to another real estate agent in York Region, she lamented the fact that her

own children and those of her friends, can't afford to buy a home in their own home town because they've been priced out of the market.

Creating all sorts of housing developments on prime farm land won't solve the housing shortage. It might make us all hungry in a few years though.

Building new developments in environmentally fragile areas or areas that should be protected, like the Niagara Escarpment just destroys nature, plain and simple.

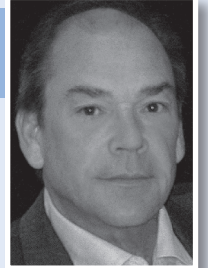
Developers aren't in the business as a public service. They are there to make money.

They sell those new houses for what ever they can get for them.

People do have to have a place to live, but what good is buying a home if you become so in debt to get a roof over your house you will have no money left to enjoy life?

With an apparent incoming 400,000 per year to the country, most to southern Ontario, this crisis isn't going to end.

Allowing developers to build in places that should be protected will just add to another crises down the road.



**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW

## Goodbye Shelburne

I always hate doing these things. There's just something about saying goodbye that really rankles with me.

I mean, it sucks, right? You get comfortable in your surroundings. Find happiness at work, and at home. Make friends. Then the rug is inconceivably pulled out from beneath your feet. Only this time, I really shouldn't be complaining about it, as I'm the one pulling the rug.

For those of you who haven't already gathered, this will be the final time you see my name within the pages of the Orangeville Citizen, Caledon Citizen and Shelburne Free Press. As much as I've loved my time with you all here in the Headwaters region, my wife and I have been presented with one of those 'too good to turn down' opportunities to return home.

So, while there's certainly an element of excitement, and at the risk of repeating myself, it still sucks.

While I started my journalism career out in Alberta, spending two and a half years in the middle of nowhere between Edmonton and Fort McMurray, it's here in Dufferin-Caledon where I've truly found my voice, and established myself as a writer and editor.

Looking back, there have been a lot of milestones in the past four years. I became a permanent resident of Canada, after many, many years spent on what, to me, seemed like dozens of visitor and working visas. I got married, and, more recently, my wife and I were approved to buy our first home. In a sense, I think I've evolved into an adult while I've been here.

It hasn't all been sunshine and rainbows, however. There has certainly been some pain along the way. When I left my previous position, in my goodbye column, I included some of my most embarrassing bloopers, I guess as a tongue-in-cheek way to say the paper will be fine, and maybe even better off with me out of the picture! I was lucky that the feature was taken in the comedic way it was intended.

Now, I thought I'd use this space to compare my top two bloopers from my previous position at the Bonnyville Nouvelle, with my top two over the years here in Orangeville, Caledon and Shelburne. I'll let you, the reader, be the judge and decide whether or not I've stepped up my game in recent years.

We'll kick it off with the classics. I'll keep it brief. In Alberta, I reported, during what was my first time covering (and hearing about) chuck wagon races, that a record-setting track time of one hour, 17 minutes and 12 seconds was recently set during a provincial event. I did not attend the race. I reported after the fact, after receiving the results in an email. Now, for someone who had never even heard of chuck wagon racing

before, seeing a time listed as 1:17:12, to me at least, meant hours, minutes and seconds. Not minutes, seconds and milli-seconds. Strike one.

Now for number two. I mistakenly reported that a church group was soon to embark on a mission trip to Nicaragua. I described Nicaragua as being an impoverished African nation. Yeah. Really. And I consider myself to be something of a geography buff... There really isn't much of a defense for that one.

So, first on the list here in Dufferin-Caledon, and it's a story

I wrote for the Orangeville Citizen back in 2017. This one still hurts and haunts me to this day, because it's a mistake that absolutely should not have happened. In writing a commemorative Remembrance Day feature piece, I retold the story of Sir Fred Heber, a veteran of the Second World War.

Only in my original story, I got Fred's last name wrong. I still cringe today when I think about this. While we made up for the error, and Fred was ultimately very happy with what we did, it's still uncomfortable for me even today.

On a much lighter note, there have been several occasions... More than one... Honestly, probably more than five over the years I'd say... Where I have, for whatever reason, massively fudged up headlines for certain stories. For those who don't know how our systems work, when putting together the week's papers, I generally use the previous issue's pages as a template to work off of. There have been times over the years where I have allowed an old headline to remain in place over the top of a new story. The best example of this, is when I allowed a Christmas-themed 'Santa is coming to town' headline to feature over the top of a New Year's story, talking about a dog being reunited with a family after spending five or six nights out in the wild after escaping. Insert favour Homer Simpson quote here.

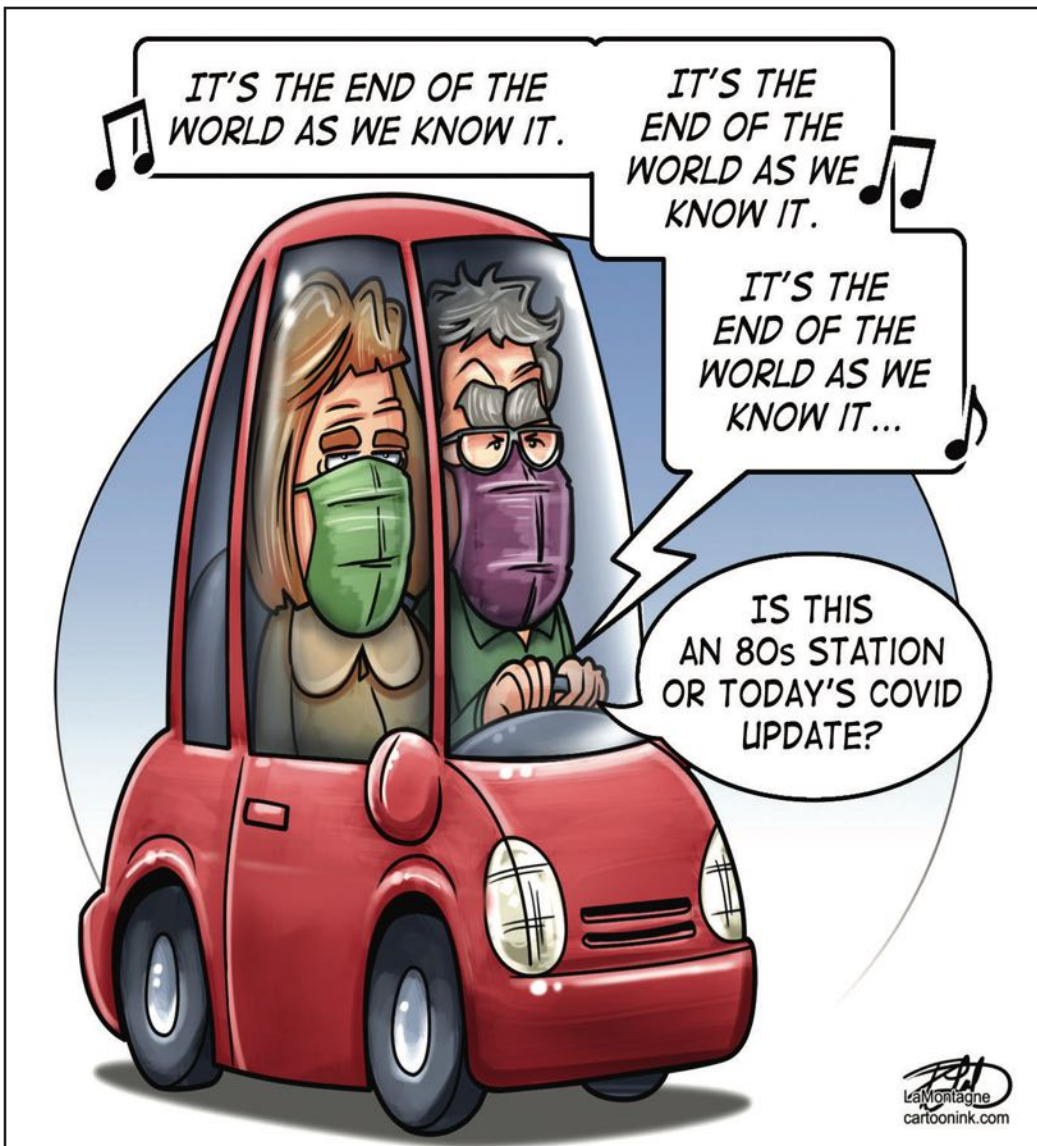
There have certainly been some other absolute peaches over the years, but these are the two that stick in my mind. Let's hope that, years in the future, when I'm writing another goodbye column, there's absolutely nothing for me to look back on and poke fun at. Hey, a man can dream, right?

In all seriousness, I want to thank each and every member of the community who spent time reading my many columns and articles over the years, and, importantly, those of you who reached out to engage with me about the many, many topics I've covered. There has been a lot of change in this region in recent years, and I'm sure there will be much more change in the future.

Thanks for the good times, Orangeville, Caledon and Shelburne. I'll sure miss you.



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# Local author publishes collection of children's books

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A frog who won't ribbit because he wants to be a bird and fly, a little boy who is very frightened, a story of missing children, and a mystery on a British train ride. They're just a few of the characters and plots lines that are introduced and can be found within the pages of author Alex McLellan's books.

Alex McLellan, a local author who previously published the children's book Jeremy's Monster and describes herself as being a "writer since the day she could write", has now released three children's books adding to her collection of self-published tomes.

The three children's books that McLellan has released throughout 2020, include a second edition of her story "Jeremy's Monster", "The Frog That Wouldn't", and activity book "I Can!"

From writing about a character's fear of a monster, to a frog's dream to fly McLellan says her books are about inspiring children.

"I would like to positively inspire the community to achieve their goals," said McLellan.

While publishing her children's books, McLellan has also released a collection

of short stories for adults called "Deadly Shorts". In the collection of 13 short stories she takes the reader through a story of missing children, a mystery on a train and dealing with Alzheimer's.

"Death is the resounding theme, but death comes in all different forms and kinds, you could die in a lot of different ways, and the story is more about life but with life comes death," said McLellan.

Speaking to the inspiration to some of her stories McLellan said that some of it comes from her own children while others have come from stories she's heard.

"People are very interesting to me and I find everyone has a story, everyone has a story and my imagination is relentless," she said.

With three new books published and the print of a second edition of Jeremy's Monster, McLellan says she is not done publishing books for the year with the second editions of her books The Memoirs of Mrs. Olivia Foxworthy and Always Olivia set to come out before Christmas. She is also working on a novella scheduled for publication in 2021.

"It's always been my goal to publish books, but this time I decided to go with print on demand with Amazon and it's seeming to be



PHOTO: PAULA BROWN

SHOWING OFF HER COLLECTION: Local author Alex McLellan, has released three new children's books and a collection of short stories adding to her collection of self-published books. The four books are now available for sale at Cobwebs and Caviar in Shelburne, Booklore in Orangeville and Amazon.

a very good route for me compared to traditionally publishing," said McLellan.

McLellan's books are available for purchase

in person at Cobwebs and Caviar in Shelburne as well as Booklore in Orangeville or online through Amazon.

# UGDSB Director of Education Martha Rogers postpones retirement

Written By PAULA BROWN  
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Martha Rogers, Director of Education at the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB), will be continuing on with her role in the school board, extending her retirement date into next year.

The UGDSB announced on Nov. 10 that Rogers would be delaying her original retirement date, which was scheduled for the end of December 2020, by seven months, with her new retirement date now set for the end of August 2021.

"Dr. Rogers has agreed to extend her retirement date and this has been approved by the Board," said UGDSB Chair Martha MacNeil, during the board's business operations meeting on Nov. 10. "Tonight, I am pleased to make this announcement public to advise our educational community and beyond of this decision."

The main reason for the extension to her retirement date Rogers told the Free Press was due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The extension is primarily about coping," said Rogers. "The school system, the staff, the parents, people want stability and COVID-19 is so scary, it's stressful, and people want it just to have predictability and stability."

"We're living through [an] unprecedented time right now, and our system clearly has a lot going on and so the stability of having our leader, who we've had for 25 years, to stay with us for a little bit longer, we thought

that was a good idea," MacNeil added.

"We are grateful for Dr. Rogers' leadership during these challenging times and for the stability her extended retirement date will provide for the system," said MacNeil.

Rogers has worked in the education system for more than 46 years, serving as a primary consultant with the Dufferin County Board of Education in the 1980s, before her move to Wellington. Rogers has been the Director of Education for the Upper Grand District School Board since 1995, making her the longest serving Director in Ontario and one of the longest Directors in Canada.

"Whether you have been serving as a Director for 25 weeks or 25 years, this pandemic has brought challenges to all school boards," said Rogers in a press release to the public. "This has been a very difficult time to many in our communities."

With her retirement date now delayed

until later next year Roger said that in the next few months she is hoping to have as little change as possible.

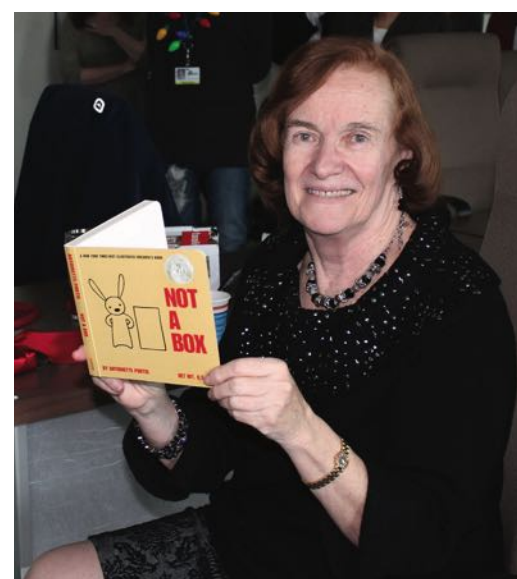
"Usually I would see myself as a change agent with huge plans, but I think what the system needs now is predictability and stability," said Rogers.

"I don't have big plans for change. I have big plans for no change."

Rogers, the school board says, will continue working with senior staff, trustees, educational partners, and the community to "address the fiscal and logistical challenges" that the 2020 school year has brought on.

Rogers told the Free Press that the school board is predicting a deficit of more than \$14 million at the end of the year.

The Board will be continuing with the process of selecting a new Director of Education to replace Rogers, when she leaves in August 2021.



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STICKING AROUND: Martha Rogers, UGDSB Director of Education, has pushed off her plans to retire.

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- 11. Slacken
- 12. Culture medium
- 13. Marsh bird
- 14. Frost, e.g.
- 25. Clock feature
- 27. Small
- 29. Stoat's kin
- 31. Be of use
- 32. Soup server
- 34. For fear that
- 36. Church official
- 37. On ship
- 38. Laugh
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- 55. Suspiciously alert
- 57. Trace
- 59. Attache
- 62. Unexpected boon
- 64. Wrestling hold
- 68. Testy
- 69. Stiff
- 71. Speak
- 72. Gaucho's tool
- 73. Drawn from a keg; 2 wds.
- 74. Presidential refusal
- 75. Shackle
- 76. John Doe, e.g.
- 77. Part of a dollar
- 78. Tense
- 82. Tarzan's chum
- 83. Provoke

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- 1. "\_\_\_ Loves You"
- 4. Teasing taunt
- 8. Chafe
- 12. Deadly reptile
- 15. Iced beverage
- 16. Cognizant about
- 17. Hodgepodge
- 18. Thick substance
- 19. Scrap
- 20. Afresh
- 21. Choir part
- 22. Exist
- 23. "\_\_\_ Got Sixpence"
- 24. Northern
- 26. Herring
- 28. Salon offering
- 30. Chime
- 31. Nautical position
- 33. Adverse
- 35. Benefit

### DOWN

- 40. Receiver
- 42. Rye or whole wheat, e.g.
- 43. Spoonbill's kin
- 44. Candle parts
- 45. Computer transmission: hyph.
- 46. Clothes
- 47. Dock rodent
- 48. Diplomat's skill
- 51. Staff symbol
- 53. A Khan
- 54. Milky jewel
- 56. Sweepstakes
- 58. Too soon
- 60. Maui goose
- 61. Fatty liquid
- 62. Soar
- 63. Novice
- 65. Former
- 66. "\_\_\_ Window" (Hitchcock film)

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- 67. Brace
- 70. Continental currency
- 74. Imitation leather
- 77. Red shade
- 79. Lightweight metal
- 80. Distinctive period
- 81. Keep
- 84. Venerable
- 85. Produce lace
- 86. Turkey type
- 87. Accessible
- 88. Make a ringing sound
- 89. Zeta follower
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# Dufferin County native reflects on years studying at Oxford University

Written By MIKE BAKER

The category is 'Latin origins,' the \$2,000 clue flashes across the screen – *What is the traditional name given to the special 'dark' uniform students of Oxford University are required to wear for formal events?*

Orangeville native Jasmine Proteau is the first one to ring in.

"What is, subfusc?" she exclaims, confidently.

Having spent two years inside the hallowed halls of one of the world's most revered institutions, this is just one of the many interesting tidbits of information Jasmine has picked up on. Latin for 'dark clothing,' Subfusc are a set of robes that Oxford students don for special dinners and exams.

"Think Harry Potter-style, Hogwarts robes," Jasmine told the Citizen. "Subfusc is really cool. It's a long black robe, black shoes. It's a full uniform. Women will wear a

black ribbon with it, too."

It has now been a little more than three years since this reporter first met Ms. Proteau. At that time, she was a burgeoning student on the cusp of completing her third post-secondary degree. Already boasting a joint major in History and French from the University of Guelph, and a Masters of History from the University of Ottawa, Jasmine spoke of her plans as she approached the finish line of her Masters in Museum Studies degree from the University of Toronto.

She had always dreamed of studying abroad and, true to form, aimed high. She was one of only 40 scholars, out of thousands of applicants, to be accepted into Oxford's prestigious DPhil in History program back in 2017. While her brain had gotten her part of the way, her wallet needed to contribute too. While Jasmine needed to have around \$31,000 in the bank just to secure her spot in the program, it was estimated the total



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**FURTHERING HER EDUCATION:** Orangeville native Jasmine Proteau (right) has recently returned to Canada as she continues to work on her DPhil in History PhD from Oxford University.

cost of procuring the PhD would exceed \$150,000.

Still, it was something the young academic felt she had to do. After saving a considerable amount of money herself, Jasmine received another \$6,000 from members of the local community who wanted to help her achieve her dream. While in the U.K., she worked five jobs to ensure she was able to continue paying for her immensely expensive education, and continue to keep a roof over her head. It was hard work, but the payoff will be worth it, Jasmine says, as she expects to graduate by the end of 2021.

Before we get to that, however, Jasmine spent a considerable amount of time describing her experience in London. As a history major, it was the "perfect place" for her to finally complete her education.

"I will admit, the first time I stepped foot on Oxford's grounds as a student, it was pretty intimidating. It's such an awe inspiring place. The buildings, in terms of a North American perspective, there's nothing here that we

have that are half as old as some of the stuff over there. A lot of the buildings are from the 12th and 13th century, and they're still being used regularly," Jasmine said. "There are taverns, and old halls that have literally hundreds of years of history. For me, it was just a dream being able to be there. It was almost like I went back in time."

Considering her focus, going back in time would have been ideal. Instead, Jasmine had to settle for using the world's most extensive library system to help round out her PhD topic. She based her thesis around 19th century European guidebooks.

"Back then, there were these main franchise guidebooks that everybody knew of. They were considered to be the only guidebooks in circulation that people used and studied, but you can only fit so much information into a book of that size," Jasmine said. "So, I quickly discovered that there were a lot of women who were writing their own guidebooks to fill the gaps that the bigger books didn't, or couldn't cover."

She added, "They wrote really, really well researched historical texts looking at art history, or the history of noted authors of the time, such as Charles Dickens and Virginia Woolf. They took texts that were written in Latin, Italian, French, German and translated them."

"I was in a super fortunate position, because, being at Oxford, I had access to some really special archives, some of which contained originals of these books. I got to see some really cool private collections, and really got a bit of a backstage pass into the people and places of the 19th century. It was really fascinating, and I'm really excited to share my work with the academic community, as well as the average person who may be interested. It really showcases the amazing work these women did, and all the amazing things they achieved."

In her thesis, Jasmine defined guidebooks into three genres – the general guide, which generally provides information on people and places; practical guidebooks, which focus in a lot more on specific historical events and artistic pieces; and academic guidebooks, which Jasmine described as being "quite scholarly" and difficult to follow.

She is currently in the process of completing her final project. Once finished, she will be required to schedule a thesis defence,

an oral presentation where she will answer questions about her chosen subject in front of a panel of reviewers.

"If all of that goes to plan, then I get a doctorate. I'll be able to put the letters in front of my name," Jasmine said.

Reflecting back, while there was some time to bask in the history of her surroundings, Jasmine had an incredibly busy two year period while she was physically at Oxford. The school's PhD program is packed into three years, much shorter than the typical six-years it takes to complete a PhD in Canada. While there is a definite aura surrounding Oxford, it was the reduced timeline that appealed to Jasmine more than anything else.

"Coming in at half the time, the program was extremely appealing for someone so eager to launch their career," Jasmine told the Citizen three years ago.

That sentiment stands true today. While it will take her slightly longer than she initially intended – four years rather than three – Jasmine says her post-secondary endeavours overseas have opened up doors she never would have imagined even knocking on this early in her career. She returned home in September 2019, the financial burden of living and studying abroad eventually catching up with her. She chose to spread her final course year out over 24 months, to make it more manageable while working full-time.

Today, she actually holds down a position she says she would be delighted to keep for the long-term. Serving as Cultural Development Coordinator at the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre, filling in for a maternity leave, Jasmine is helping to oversee the facility's move into a brand new space. She has been informed that the museum would be interested in keeping her on as curator once her contract position is over.

"It feels almost surreal to be here and actually working in a position that I would have dreamt about getting only after securing my PhD. I'm very lucky to be doing what I am right now," Jasmine said. "Looking ahead, I'm excited to potentially be a part of the museum's transition and helping to build the museum up into something that the whole community can be proud of. I'd also love to start visiting other museums – going back to the Museum of Dufferin would be awesome. I haven't had the opportunity to check it out for a while."

In closing, Jasmine wanted to take a minute to thank all of those in the local community who contributed to her cause and helped to fuel her dream, while encouraging others to follow in her footsteps and invest in their future.

"The only limits you really have are the limits you place on yourself. If you're willing to put in the work, if you truly love what you do, then you have to go for it. If something lights you up, you don't want to wake up one day wondering what could have been and having regrets. Just go for it, put it all on the line," Jasmine said.

She added, "I have an awful lot to be thankful for. While I put in the work, that wouldn't have been possible without all the encouragement I received, not only from friends and family, but from other members of our community too. All the lovely cards and messages I received – they really helped me through the difficult moments. This community gave me more than I could have possibly hoped for – so thank you for that."



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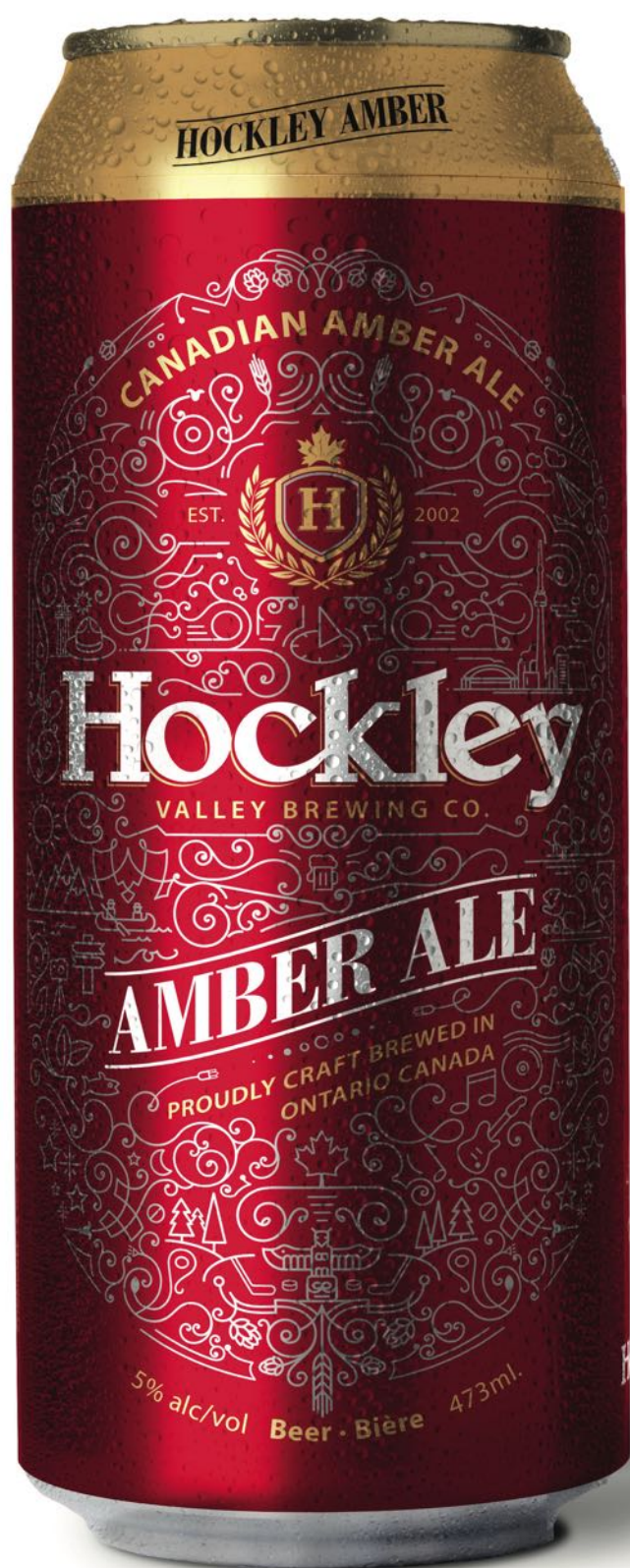
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## Shelburne Chiropractic operating under new ownership

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne Chiropractic, one of Shelburne's local chiropractic practices, is now under different ownership, welcoming two new chiropractors to the community.

Dr. Robert Weinpar, who has worked as a chiropractor and owner of Shelburne Chiropractic for over 40 years in the community, officially retired at the beginning of November handing the practice over to both Dr. Trevan Wright and Dr. Stephanie Juffs.

"We both got a really good feeling about the clinic, coming in here and meeting the patients and it felt like a natural fit," said Dr. Juffs.

"Seeing the relationship and the connection that he had with all of his patients is something that we both strive to have moving forward," said Dr. Wright.

Both Dr. Wright and Dr. Juffs have been practicing as doctors of chiropractic for the last two years, graduating in 2018 from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College based in Toronto. Dr. Wright's originally from the Windsor-Essex County area and studied human kinetics at the University of Windsor

before going on to study in Toronto for four years. Dr. Juffs attended Western University where she studied kinesiology, which is the study of human movement, before also heading to Toronto.

Both Dr. Juffs and Dr. Wright have additional certifications in medical acupuncture and said they have an interest in exercise rehabilitation including strengthening and conditioning, as part of their care.

"I do really like to encourage my patients to stay active and give them active components of their treatment plan that includes rehab, or what I like to call prehab exercises, basically little strengthening exercises to help fix whatever issues they have," said Dr. Wright.

"I enjoy treating headaches. I see a lot of people have shoulder pain and neck pain," said Dr. Juffs.

With Shelburne Chiropractic now under new ownership they will be expanding on the services they provide, which will now include acupuncture, muscles release therapy, individualized rehabilitation programming and custom orthotics.

"We're really excited to introduce our new rehabilitation programming for people who



PHOTO: PAULA BROWN

**NEW OWNERSHIP:** Dr. Stephanie Juffs and Dr. Trevan Wright, are the new owners of Shelburne Chiropractic, taking over the local practice from Dr. Weinpar, who retired after serving the community for over 40 years.

may be more interested in getting out of pain through exercise or rehab," said Dr. Juffs.

She added that they are looking forward to continuing Dr. Weinpar's tradition of care.

For more information on hours and services provided at Shelburne Chiropractic visit [www.shelburnechiropractic.ca](http://www.shelburnechiropractic.ca).

## While plans for PJHL Jr. C season remain, fans/management not optimistic

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

After the postponement of the start of the Provincial Junior Hockey League season, Junior C teams in the region are hoping to get into some kind of league schedule in January.

Originally the PJHL planned to get the season underway in early December, however it was realized that due to COVID-19 restrictions, that time frame just wasn't feasible.

Junior C teams are allowed 25 players this year to make up for the fact that once games start, they won't be allowed to call up AP players if they come up short benched.

The current plan calls for a series of exhibition style games to be played in the pre-season, but teams will be limited to

going up against other teams in that are in the regional health care system.

The games will be 20 minute periods with a running clock and won't last more than one hour. They will play two games in a night with ten players per team and a second set of different players for the second game.

Teams will have to take a two-week break before playing any other team in their region.

"We've been skating since early September," explained Alliston Hornets head coach Travis Chapman. "We did a training camp through September and cut the roster down from 30 down to 25. This year we are allowed a 25 man roster, up from 23, because you won't be allowed to have AP players this year. In our case we'll have an extra goalie so we'll have three goalies and 23 skaters.

We've been given permission to bubble off with another team so can play 'exhibition games.' You bubble off with one team and if you want to switch and play another team you have to take a 14 day break. We're starting next week with Orillia. We're going to play two games in Alliston then two games in Orillia. We'll take a two week break then bubble off with Stayner after that."

The public won't be able to attend exhibition games. Current restrictions limit 50 people to an indoor facility. With two teams, coaches and referees, that 50 person limit will be met once the teams arrive.

Instead, the Hornets are planning to tape games and broadcast them through social media. Fans will be able to subscribe for a small fee and see the games.

The plan currently calls for a schedule to get underway on January 4, however, that is not a sure thing.

"Whether or not things can get going is dependent on a few things. I think the biggest thing is if we can actually get fans in the building," Chapman said. "If we can't get fans in the building I don't think there are many teams that are going to play the season - they just won't be able to afford to do it."

The mood in Junior C circles is not too upbeat at the moment.

Many fans have already written off the season and don't expect to see their team on the ice this year.

## New rules look to 'speed up the game'

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The new rules put in place by Hockey Canada on how to conduct games is making a big difference on the ice.

There are only house league games going on right now. Rep hockey has not started this year due to restrictions on travel and most likely there won't be any rep hockey this year at all.

Under the new rules, teams are playing either three-on-three or four-on-four hockey.

With fewer players on the ice the entire dynamic of the game has changed.

It's harder for teams to mount much of a defence - especially with only three-on-three hockey.

As a result there is a lot more opportunity for shots on net, and a lot more goals are being scored.

It's also easier to create a break-away situation if you catch two players in your zone and manage to pass the puck out to your forward player.

With the lack of rep hockey, many rep team players are now on house league teams. This can change the entire game.

One of the biggest factors in changing the pace of the game is the lack of face-offs.

Games are started by one team taking possession of the puck behind the red line and taking it into the opposing team's zone.

The same applies to both off-sides and when the goalies freezes the puck.

If an off-side is called, the attacking team has to go back to the red line and the defending team takes possession of the puck.

The same situation happens if a goalie freezes the puck and play is temporarily stopped.

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# Museum of Dufferin unveils plans for the holiday season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Museum of Dufferin (MOD) is hosting events leading up to the holiday season.

Currently the Museum is open Thursday to Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but will be extending some hours starting in December.

Beginning December 1, MOD will host its annual craft show and sale. The sale will feature one-of-a-kind crafts created by artists and crafters and will take place in the Museum's main gallery.

The show offers unique jewellery, pottery, wood working, stained glass, soaps, and artwork.

To ensure a safe shopping experience for everyone, social distancing protocols will be in effect. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at the Museum's website or by calling ahead.

The website also allows you to shop online. Hours for the craft sale will be Tuesday to

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, and Thursday's until 7:00 p.m.

There will also be options for local delivery or curbside pick-up.

While you're at the Museum you can visit the Playing with Fire & Ice exhibit by artist Amy Shackleton.

Inspired by her travels, Ms. Shackleton's work explores the conflicting relationships between humanity and the environment and she blends cities with nature in her work. In this series she shows the effects of climate change across the country.

Ms. Shackleton's uses an innovative process when she paints. Rather than brushes, she uses squeeze bottles and gravity to create her art. The paint is dripped, poured, and layered as the canvas is rotated.

Her work has engaged over 15 million viewers on-line.

Visit the Museum for a day of Christmas shopping at the craft show and enjoy the new art exhibition at the same time.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**CHECK IT OUT:** The Museum of Dufferin has finalized its plans for the upcoming holiday season. Starting Dec. 1, the local facility will be hosting a variety of events and exhibits for local residents to enjoy.

## Provincial government orders all Mennonite schools, churches to close

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Old Order Mennonite schools and churches that fall in the regions of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) have been ordered to close amid rising numbers of COVID-19.

WDGPH Medical Officer of Health and CEO, Dr. Nicola Mercer, issued the Section 22 order for Old Order Mennonite's last Thursday (Nov. 12), which Public Health says will "help address the growing risk of COVID-19 in this community."

"I am saddened by the need for this extraordinary step," said Mercer in a press release for the order. "I do not take the issuing of Section 22 Orders lightly, but COVID-19 poses a serious health risk to the Old Order Mennonite Community and to all of us in the region. Sometimes we need to make

difficult decisions to prevent the unchecked spread of this virus."

With the Section 22 order, which is under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, members of the community are also required to follow specific public health instructions and restrictions on gatherings.

The region has seen an increasing number in positive COVID-19 cases, with two known outbreaks within the Mennonite community. Public Health says that the uptake of health measures have been low.

The Section 22 order, issued by Mercer requires that the closure of places of worship, prohibiting "persons from entering or remaining in the place of worship."

"Public Health has confirmed cases within the community but cannot conduct its contact tracing because this information is not being provided," the press release stated.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

reported 23 new confirmed cases of the virus the day that the order was given (Nov. 12) and had 101 confirmed active cases of COVID-19 in the regions. Public Health says they will be working with the Old Order Mennonite community to stop the spread of COVID-19.

## Dufferin County moved into 'Orange' zone after increase in positive COVID-19 cases

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Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH), and the municipalities that lay within its borders, have been moved to the "Orange" or restricted level of the provinces new colour-coded COVID-19 framework, as number of positive case rise in neighbouring Peel Region.

WDGPH announced last Friday (Nov.13) that effective Monday Nov. 16 that the region would be moving into the "Orange" level. With the move, municipalities within the region, will see a restriction on indoor gathers to 10 people and outdoor gathers to 25 people. An indoor capacity for restaurants has been restricted to 50 people and closing at 10 p.m.

With numbers rising in the GTA, Health officials say there has been worry about transmission risks with travel to higher-transmission areas.

WDGPH reported on Nov. 13, 10 new confirmed cases of coronavirus.

Dr. Nicola Mercer, CEO and medical officer of health in WDGPH, released a letter addressed to community members urging them not to enter homes that are not their own.

"If you want to stay well and keep your family and friends safe, do not go into any home that is not your own and do not have anyone in your home who does not already live there," wrote Mercer.

As of Nov. 18 the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region has 20 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19, three which are in Dufferin County; totalling 133 active cases in the region.

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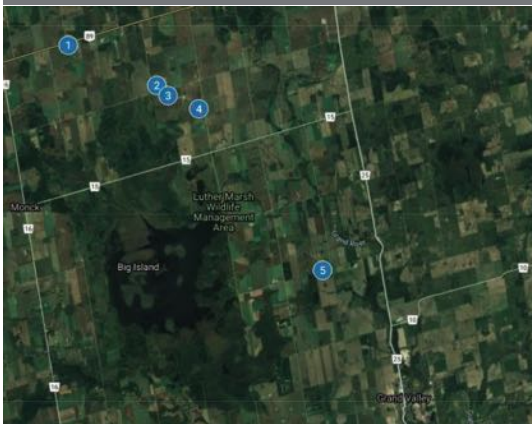
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# HHCF launches annual holiday campaign to support hospital

Written By PAULA BROWN  
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The season for giving has started and Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is launching their annual holiday campaign raising donations to bring updated hospital equipment to Orangeville's local hospital.

"We're hopeful that people who may have stepped up and supported in the spring (with the COVID-19 assessment centre) will give again and those who didn't support in the spring will give this time," said Dora Boylen-Pabst, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

This year, as part of the holiday campaign, donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Morningview Foundation up to \$200,000, the largest matching gift the foundation has ever had for its holiday campaign.

"A hospital of our size, with programs such as breast cancer programs, or obstetrics programs, or emerge department, have ongoing needs," said Boylen-Pabst. "Just because of COVID-19, there are no fewer cancer diagnoses, no fewer emerge patients, no fewer babies born and as a result, we're really feeling the pressure this holiday season."

The donations raised through the holiday campaign will be going toward the purchase of a new mammography machine with tomosynthesis (3D imaging) for the hospital. The new machine will be replacing Headwaters Health Care Centre's current one, which is over 10 years old and nearing the end of its usage. The 3D imaging aspect of the new mammography machine the hospital is looking to purchase can help diagnose harder to diagnose cases, Boylen-Pabst said.

"It's particularly effective for women with dense breasts. It also reduces false positive rates, which is important and it will allow for much earlier detection of breast cancers even in people with no symptoms," said Boylen-Pabst. "It will make a large difference to people who have to at this point, go to other centres for higher definition testing, because we haven't had it here."

The cost of the mammography machine with tomosynthesis imaging sits around \$575,000 and with the dollar-for-dollar matching donation, Boylen-Pabst said the hospital will be the majority of the way to purchasing it.

Headwaters Health Care Centre annually sees mammography patients of up to and over 3,600, which Boylen-Pabst says has



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already been surpassed this year.

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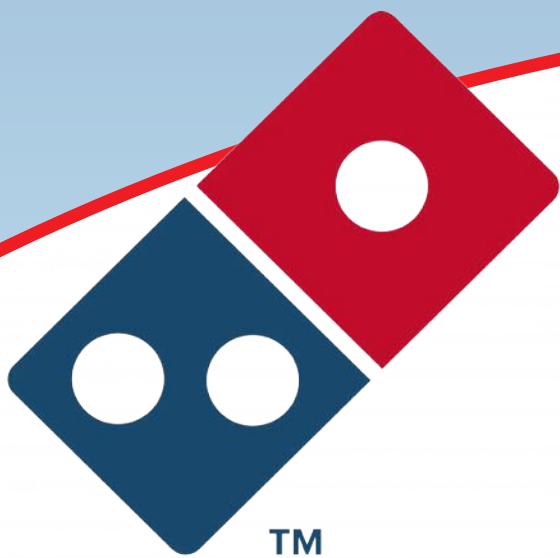
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