



A Message From
Kyle Seeback, MP
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The Christmas season has arrived here in Dufferin-Caledon. It's a time to reflect on what matters most to us - family, friends, and most importantly, our health. It's also the season of goodwill, random acts of kindness, spreading joy to those around us, and finding peace.

During this season of giving, let's ensure everyone may share in the magic of the holidays by making a donation to our wonderful local food banks, shelters, and charities who work incredibly hard to support those in our community needing a little extra help.

We can also spread the joy of the season by continuing to support local small businesses in Dufferin-Caledon. When we shop local, we not only help to ensure they survive the pandemic, but we also help the people they employ who are our neighbours and friends. Let's each do our part this Christmas and shop local to support the many outstanding small businesses in our community, to help everyone enjoy a terrific Christmas filled with peace, hope, and joy.

This Christmas will undoubtedly be challenging for all of us, but it also presents an opportunity to revisit traditions of bygone days and to create some new ones. In doing so, we can still capture the spirit of "the most wonderful time of the year."



From my family to yours, I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021!

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On November 13, 2020, during his “Small Business Spotlight,” Kyle stopped by Stacked Pancake & Breakfast House - Bolton and met owner, Gopal (Paul) Khanna, to hear about the family restaurant’s wide menu featuring many delicious homecooked breakfast and lunch options. Stacked continues to offer pickup and delivery services during the lockdown in Peel.



On November 12, 2020, Kyle visited the Perked Pierogi, a beautiful restaurant located in Grand Valley, as part of his “Small Business Spotlight.” He met owner, Meghan Richards, who showed him around the café, which serves fresh baked goods, many savoury items and, of course, their signature item, gourmet pierogis.



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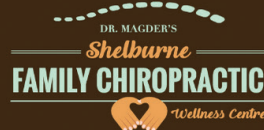
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something: Shelburne's Tim Horton owner John Lewandowski and volunteers handed out brown paper food drive bags to drive thru customers on Monday (Nov. 30). The event was in support of Shelburne's Christmas Hampers, encouraging donations of non-perishable food items. (Left to right: John Lewandowski, Wade Mills, Dave Cropper, Fire Chief Ralph Snyder and Bobbi Ferguson)

Local food bank sees rising demand

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne's food bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, along with others across the province are facing an increased demand, with staff there reporting a 40 per cent increase in the number of families they've seen since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ardith Dunlop, volunteer coordinator at Shepherd's Cupboard, in an interview with the Free Press said that since the start of the pandemic the Shelburne food bank has seen an average of 125 to 150 families using their services each month, while it saw only 70 to 80 families pre-COVID-19. Currently, 279 families are listed as using the food bank.

"This certainly does speak to a dramatic rise in the numbers," said Dunlop, adding that the food bank has seen a large influx in the number of first time users.

The influx in first time users is not just a sentiment seen by the local food bank. Feed

Ontario released a new report on Monday (Nov. 30), which found a 26.5 percent increase of first time users in the first four months of COVID-19. Data for the report was collected from 130 direct member food banks and 1,100 affiliates.

While food insecurity is one of the main focuses of the food bank, Dunlop and the document from Feed Ontario both note that users of food banks are also facing other insecurities including housing. According to Feed Ontario, the primary driver for the growth of food bank use has been, "inadequate social safety net, precarious employment, and unaffordable housing."

"The primary reason that an adult or family may need to access a food bank is that they do not have sufficient income to afford all of their necessities, like rent, heat, hydro, transportation, and food, in a given month," details the report.

Dunlop said that she has had five clients

who were facing eviction at the end of November.

"I see a lot of increase in the worry and the stress that they're facing in the world, over food, over will they be able to make ends meet, will they be able to keep themselves safe and their kids safe - you hear all those concerns when you're there."

The holiday season is now in full swing and the food bank is entering what Shepherd's Cupboard calls their "fatter time" of the year, where they receive donations that help support them from January to June.

With increasing demand for food security, Feed Ontario in its report said it believes that "the worst is yet to come." Dunlop said they expect to be looking at the fall out of COVID-19 for the next two years.

"While we have enough food to finish the year, who knows how long into the new year we can continue at this pace," she noted.



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FEATURED ITEMS

New food truck brings flavours of Jamaica to Shelburne

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents will now be able to get a taste of the islands on their own streets, with the new food truck, Smokey Island Grille.

Jo-Vaundi Wesley, the owner of the Smokey Island Grille, held the grand opening for her food truck last Saturday (Nov. 28), at the Trainer Games Fitness Centre lot. The truck is part of the U.S based Smokey Island Grille franchise, and offers a variety of Jamaican cuisine.

"We're all about the island," said Wesley. "If you see our truck, you see us, you smell the food – the food is delicious – by seeing it, you're tasting it."

The food truck's menu is focused on Jamaican cuisines and include items such as plantains, jerk salmon or chicken, curry goat

and oxtail, as well as salads and some vegan dishes.

Speaking to her decision to open the restaurant up as a food truck, Wesley said that the original plan was for a building location but with the COVID-19 pandemic and restriction, she chose the food truck route.

"The dream was to make it a reality, and because of the pandemic it's made me think out of the box," said Wesley adding that the truck allowed them to be mobile in the community.

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills was in attendance for the cutting of the ribbon and he spoke about the new food truck in town.

"It's definitely a good reaction to the world we're living in right now. Everybody is having to rethink their traditional business models, and I think this is one that's probably going to take off."



PHOTO: PAULA BROWN

GRAND OPENING: Jo-Vaundi Wesley, owner of Smokey Island Grille, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, and Yuhon McCallum cut a ribbon for the grand opening of new local food truck Smokey Island Grille on Saturday (Nov. 30).



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Serving complementary soups, customers gathered and lined up to get their first taste of the restaurant's new food.

Michael Antwi, who has lived in Shelburne for four years, said that the food truck was something that had been missing in the community.

"I feel that if you want to eat out, your options are very limited so now this brings diversity, which Shelburne seems to be on the verge of," said Antwi. "The food is great, I definitely recommend anybody in the town

to come through and try it out. It is something new and different."

"It's great to see more flavor being added to the restaurant scene in town and obviously by the lineup on opening day, it's a welcome addition," said Mills. "I wish them every success."

While the food truck gives the taste and flavours of Jamaican spices, it also brings the spirit of Jamaican culture to town, embodying its motto of "good friends are better than pocket money."

COVID-19 cases reported in three Shelburne schools

Written By PAULA BROWN
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COVID-19 cases reported in three Shelburne schools

By: Paula Brown

Three schools in Shelburne have now reported positive cases of COVID-19 as the number of cases in Dufferin County continue to rise.

Positive cases have been confirmed at local elementary schools, Centennial Hyland and Glenbrook, as well as Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS), according to the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB).

Centennial Hylands Elementary School principal, Tammy Fleming, sent out a public notice last Wednesday, Nov. 25, confirming the two positive cases within the school. One classroom has since been closed and asked to self-isolate.

Centennial Hyland reported another case of COVID-19 on Dec. 1 and an outbreak has been declared at the school, while the school remains listed by UGDSB as open.

"All students and staff determined to be at high risk of exposure will be directed to isolate and recommended to be tested within their isolation period," wrote Fleming in the notice.

Both Glenbrook Elementary School and CDDHS released public notices on Friday, Nov. 27, confirming positive cases within the schools following notification from

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH).

Glenbrook Elementary, who recorded its first case of COVID-19 within the school back in September, has one confirmed case with a possible classroom closure to be determined, according to the UGDSB.

Following the first positive case reported on Nov. 27 at Centre Dufferin District High School, a second individual in the school was confirmed on Sunday, Nov. 29 to have tested positive for the virus by WDGPH; two days after the first confirmed case. A second classroom has since closed at the high school, as well.

"As a result, a second potentially affected class cohort and some bus students have been asked to stay at home while Public Health does contract tracing," said Wendy McIntosh, CDDHS principal, in their notice to families.

"Please note that these are not considered 'closed' classes, which sometimes happens as a result of contact tracing," she explained. "The purpose of this class cohort remain at home is to allow time for public health to contact parents of children, in order to identify next steps. Some potentially affected staff have been asked to stay home as well."

Dufferin County has continued to see a rise in positive cases of the novel coronavirus within the region and as of press time, sits in orange level of the COVID-19 framework.

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Winds of change

In life, the only constant is change, and my life has been changing constantly since graduating from the journalism program at Durham College in the spring of 2017.

It was at that time I started my first journalism job, as a freelance reporter at the Standard Newspaper in my hometown of Port Perry, Ontario, situated on Lake Scugog, with a population of 9,000.

I worked there for just under a year and during that time I learned about the inner workings and nuances of local news in a small community. After a short 11 months of covering Council meetings, funding announcements, fun events and people of interest, I began searching for more of a full-time position and with no luck locally – I found it in northwestern Ontario.

There was a job opening in a distant land, called Fort Frances, nearly 1,700 kilometers away from my family and friends in Port Perry.

While it seemed daunting to leave the only life I've ever known for a new one so far away, I was eager to build upon my experience as a journalist and experience the northwestern edge of Ontario.

I quickly found a place to live and began my adventure at the Fort Frances Times in late February of 2018, packing my bags and driving 19 hours to my new home.

I was welcomed into the community with open arms and quickly became established as a reporter there, covering everything local, from

education and municipal politics to agriculture and indigenous issues.

Fort Frances is small in size, home to a little over 5,000 people, located in the Rainy River District, which has a population of 20,000.

While the community was small, there was no shortage of exciting news to cover, such as the Town's battle with a multi-national corporation to reopen its mill, litigation over land claims with area reserves or sharing the personal stories of Sixties Scoop survivors from Rainy River First Nations.

The only downside of living in Fort Frances was its remoteness, with the closest city being a four hour drive to the east in Thunder Bay or a five hour drive to the west in Winnipeg.

Fort Frances is a border town, across the river from International Falls, Minnesota, so it did provide a cross-border shopping experience, even if it was about the same size as Fort Frances.

My job at the Fort Frances Times was fast paced, considering it printed four newspapers a week, Monday–Thursday, with the Wednesday newspaper circulating throughout the Rainy River District, while the other three were circulated within the town.

The Times is the only newspaper I know of where all the printing is done in-house, which provided great opportunities for covering breaking news the day that it happened.

Newspaper layout and design was an important

part of my role at the Fort Frances Times, since it had four newspapers to assemble each week. The editor at the time, Mike Behan, would break up the work among the reporting staff.

At the time it seemed like a chore, but provided great experience for me as I now take on the editor role at the Orangeville Citizen.

Of course, the best part of any job is the people, and there was no shortage of awesome people working at the Fort Frances Times.

The office was quite large with 30 staff, since all of the newspaper production was done in-house and it helped to create a wonderful community within its walls.

While I was working at the Fort Frances Times, my plan all along was to gather a year or two of experience to find a decent reporter job back in southern Ontario, closer to my family and hometown friends.

Lucky for me, the opportunity fell right into my lap when the owner of London Publishing Company, Ray Stanton, purchased the Fort Frances Times in October of 2019.

London Publishing Company owns over 20 newspapers that run independently in Ontario, including the Orangeville Citizen and Shelburne Free Press, so there was an opportunity for me to transfer somewhere a little closer to home.

I accepted a reporting job at the New Tecumseth Times in March and while it was sad to leave the life I created in Fort Frances, I knew it would be nice to live a little closer to

where my roots are, a short one hour drive from Port Perry, instead of 19.

Of course, as we all know, the pandemic struck halfway into March, creating a whole new category of news for me to cover as I settled into New Tecumseth.

Over the last nine months, I've enjoyed reporting on New Tecumseth's Town Council, arts community, school boards, not-for-profit charities and outstanding residents who work to uplift their community.

I was anticipating my role at the New Tecumseth Times to at least take me into the New Year, when my contract was set to expire, but life had different plans.

Earlier this month the editor position at the Haliburton Echo became available and the Citizen's former editor, Mike Baker happily hopped on it to be closer to his family, who live in Lindsay, Ontario.

With Mike leaving the Orangeville and Shelburne newspapers, the position that I'm currently working became available and I gladly accepted.

My days look quite different now, going from reporter to editor, but I'm grateful for all the new challenges that come my way.

SAM ODROWSKI
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The joys of renovating

I remember watching Bob Villa's This Old House way back in the early 90s and thinking: why would anybody watch a show about a house renovation? I also remember not being about to change the channel every time the show was on. There was something about the way that Bob Villa carried himself, the way he spoke that made it difficult for me to change the channel. I never heard a tradesman speak like that. I was intrigued, captivated. I was watching Bob the 'storyteller' more than I was watching Bob the 'home renovator.' Whatever happened to Bob Villa?

Today, some of the most popular design celebrities have earned rock-star level fame from their home renovation/design shows — like Drew and Jonathan Scott, The Property Brothers. They went from renovating homes on television to selling half a billion dollars of their home design products in just one year. A family favourite is the farmhouse-style power couple, Chip and Joanna Gaines of Fixer Upper. A roll of Gaines' wallpaper retails for over \$200.

My wife and I recently purchased, sold and renovated a home. We had decided that it was time to find the house that we could grow in as a family. We paid way too much over asking and had little idea what a renovation would entail (and cost). It didn't take long for us to see that the 'reality' of home renovation shows, looked nothing like the 'reality' of a real life reno.

I promised myself that I wouldn't get stressed during the renovation. I tried to keep

things in check, to stay grounded. I mean, we were lucky (privileged) to have two roofs over our heads (even if one had a small leak); it didn't matter that the reno was behind schedule and that we'd be moving into only half of our house. There were some heated battles, letdowns and meltdowns. With work, COVID, two young kids and a house with no kitchen, I think we did okay for ourselves. In the end (does it ever end?) we were able to design and pick and choose the things that would make our new house a home. Obviously, we couldn't have done it without the demo guys, electricians, plumbers and trim guy.

I didn't always appreciate the trades. I remember as a kid, being ashamed of my family and the dirt and the smells that they carried home after having worked on a construction site or digging a hole to lay some concrete pipes. I mean, I was dreaming about being an astronaut, not a general laborer (like my grandfather); when I was older, I wanted to be an urban planner, not a welder (like my great-uncle).

To this day, there's still this perception out there that the trades are somehow "less than," as though people who can work with their hands have settled for less, or don't have the acumen of those who sit behind a desk and a screen.

I hear it every day in my classroom — students being pressured to go to university to prepare for a job that won't be there for them when they graduate. Economic shifts are making it clear that post-secondary education doesn't guarantee a cushy pay cheque, the cost of tuition

is skyrocketing, and boomers who once filled trade jobs are entering retirement.

'Fast Company' named skilled trades one of the five jobs that will be the hardest to fill in 2025, pointing out that there are a "large number of tradespeople retiring but fewer young people choosing these careers." According to Explore the Trades, only 35 percent of future jobs will require a four-year degree or higher.

A degree on the wall is like a nice car parked in front of your house- it's a way of letting people know what to think about you. Well, I've got a couple of degrees and I only just learned how to hang a towel rack. Those degrees hanging in my study would have nothing to hang on if it weren't for people in the trades.

I've learned a lot about the different trades over the past couple of months:

I learned that when a tradesperson says 'trust me' — you probably shouldn't. I learned the difference between trim and window casings, shoe mold and crown mold; I even know what a door jamb is. I saw a 73-year-old mason put up a scaffold, and rebuild a chimney, as if he were repairing the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. I hired an electrician after he tried to convince me about all the exciting and funky things he could do with lights. I also learned that each trade likes to talk smack about the other trades, and to blame the other guys for any delays and hiccups. I also learned that contractors don't like it when you take notes in front of them.

In the end, you spend so much time with some of these people, that they can start to feel like family. Take Stanley — our painter. I don't know his last name. I know he did some work for a company that my father worked for, and that he painted the house that we sold before buying this house. Stanley painted walls and trim and shoe mold like he was painting alongside Picasso. He was meticulous and set in his ways. I loved the white strip that he painted

where the ceiling and wall met; I imagined it was his signature strip, a way of leaving an identifiable mark.

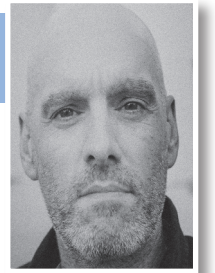
We spent plenty of time talking. Some days, he'd call me over and tell me a story, waving his brush around without spilling so much as a single drop of paint on the floor. He told me stories about learning how to caulk; about sleeping on the floor on a bed of hay and sleeping like a little baby. I think the favorite part of his day was when my father showed up with a tumbler of espresso mixed with a shot (or two) of Sambuca. Stanley was the first person to arrive and the last person to leave; my kids would sing songs to him as he walked through the door. One morning we sang him a song, rhyming 'Stanley' with 'he's our family.'

My favorite day during the renos was spent listening to my great-uncle (trim) and Stanley (paint) trade stories about work and life while eating cold pieces of fried veal and sipping wine from a plastic cup. Stanley reminded me of my grandfather (general laborer) and the pride that he took in his work.

I get the sense that there aren't many people like Stanley out there; he does too. On his last day he told me: "There's not a lot of people out there like me. I'm 74, I work for myself." I'm not sure how much longer Stanley is going to work. Some days I'd hear him groan and sigh as if it were all too much for him.

Of all the people that came through our home, Stanley was the one that left the greatest impression. I look at these walls and the trim, and the crown mold and admire and value his work ethic, talent and craftsmanship. And judging by how much Stanley charged us, he does too.

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Dufferin OPP share parking restriction information

Recently Dufferin OPP have received complaints regarding various parking infractions in various municipalities in the County, and as a result would like to provide information related to three areas of concern directly related to parking.

Parking in front of a fire hydrant - there are municipal by-laws in place across the County that prohibit parking within a certain distance, usually about three meters, from a fire hydrant. Blocking a fire hydrant is a public safety concern in that it interferes with the Fire Department being able to access a hydrant to fight a fire. This should not come as a surprise to anyone who drives as it is commonly testable material during your driving test.

Parking/Stopping where prohibited - every municipality in the County has a by-law indicating where parking is prohibited. Commonly, a location where parking is prohibited is in front of a school. A school is commonly a very busy place throughout the day, more so in the morning and at afternoon dismissal when students arrive or depart school on buses or on foot. Parking in these areas is prohibited to reduce traffic and ensure that pedestrians and school bus drivers view is not obstructed. Parking and stopping in these identified areas is a public safety concern.

Winter overnight parking restrictions - November 15 to March 31 - each municipality has a by-law restricting parking

during certain hours of the overnight to permit municipal employees to conduct snow clearing activities. The times vary between municipalities, though they often include between midnight and 08:00 am. Those residents who park overnight are subject to receiving a parking infraction as well as they may have their vehicles towed to facilitate snow removal from the roadway, and in some cases municipal sidewalks. In addition, the Ontario Highway Traffic Act section 170(12) prohibits parking on a roadway in such a manner as to interfere with snow removal, and can be enforced where a municipal by-law does not exist.

If you are not aware of the restrictions for parking in your community, there are a number of restrictions posted at the entrance to the municipality, and further, all municipalities have posted their by-laws on their municipal web pages.

In the past few months by-law enforcement officers have been trained and are now working in municipalities where they have not been in the past.

In the past by-law officers have been threatened or assaulted by a person who received a by-law infraction notice. This kind of behaviour will not be tolerated. Anyone receiving a by-law infraction notice has the right to dispute the notice, similarly to any provincial offences notice they receive from a police officer.

Shelburne man barricades himself inside of his home

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne Police say there was no concern to public safety following an incident that led to a roadblock from County Rd 124 to Greenwood.

"The incident resolved itself without anybody getting harmed or injured and the person was taken to hospital," said SPS Sgt. Paul Neumann.

Shortly after 8 p.m. last Thursday (Nov. 26), Shelburne Police responded to a call about a person who had barricaded themselves in a home on Main Street in Town, and was threatening self-harm. OPP's Emergency Response Team (ERT) and a negotiator from OPP were also called to the incident.

"The negotiator is a specialized person who has training in communicating with

"The incident resolved itself without anybody getting harmed or injured and the person was taken to hospital.

—SPS Sgt. Paul Neumann

somebody who is in a state of mind that you have trouble communicating with," explained Sgt. Neumann.

Police say that the incident was a personal matter, involving mental health and are sharing few details.

The person was taken to hospital shortly before 12 a.m., with no injuries.



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Dec. 1 (Tuesday)

WDG Region: 12 (New cases), 145 (Active cases), 6 (Hospital). Dufferin County: 10 (New cases), 27 (Active cases), 2 (Hospital).

Dec. 2 (Wednesday)

WDG Region: 22 (New cases), 143 (Active cases), 5 (Hospital). Dufferin County: 7 (New cases), 29 (Active cases), 3 (Hospital). Shelburne: 5 (Active cases).

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has added local level COVID-19 data for municipalities starting Dec. 1.

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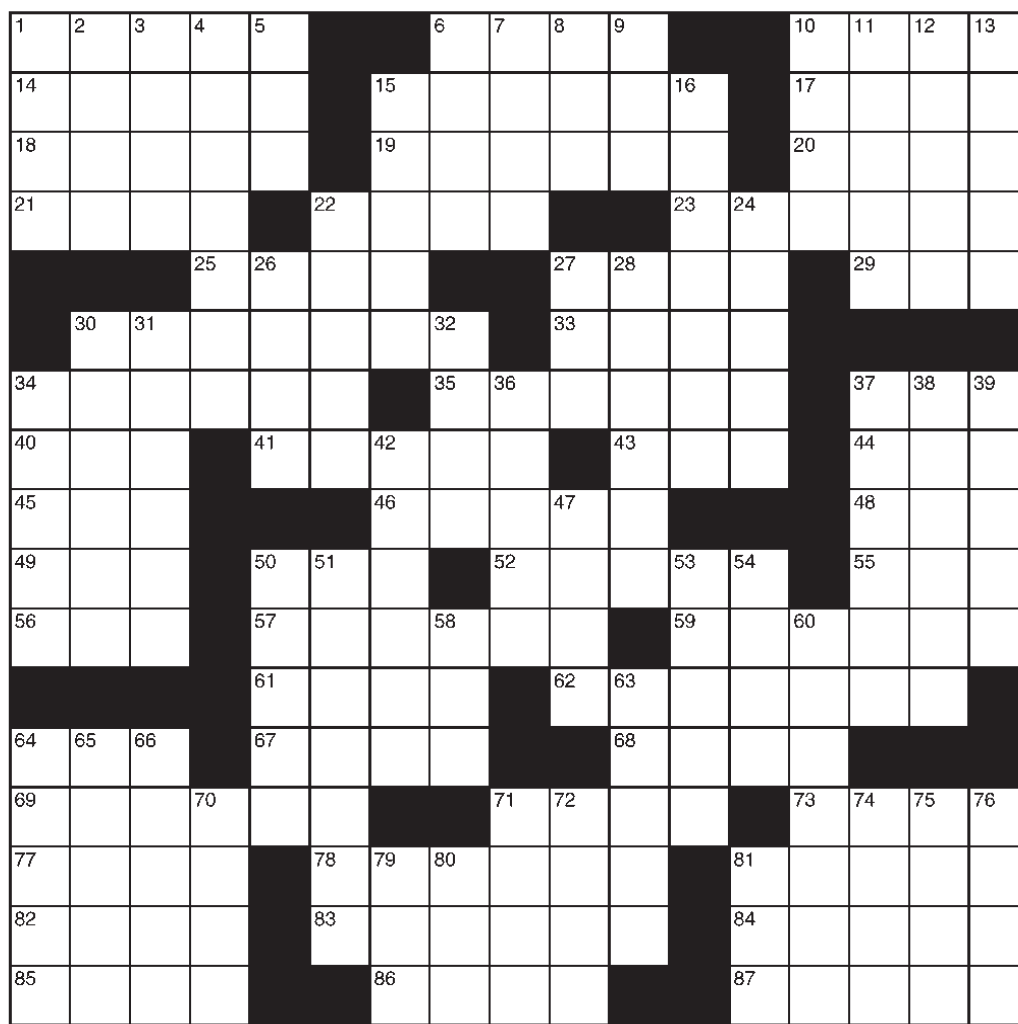
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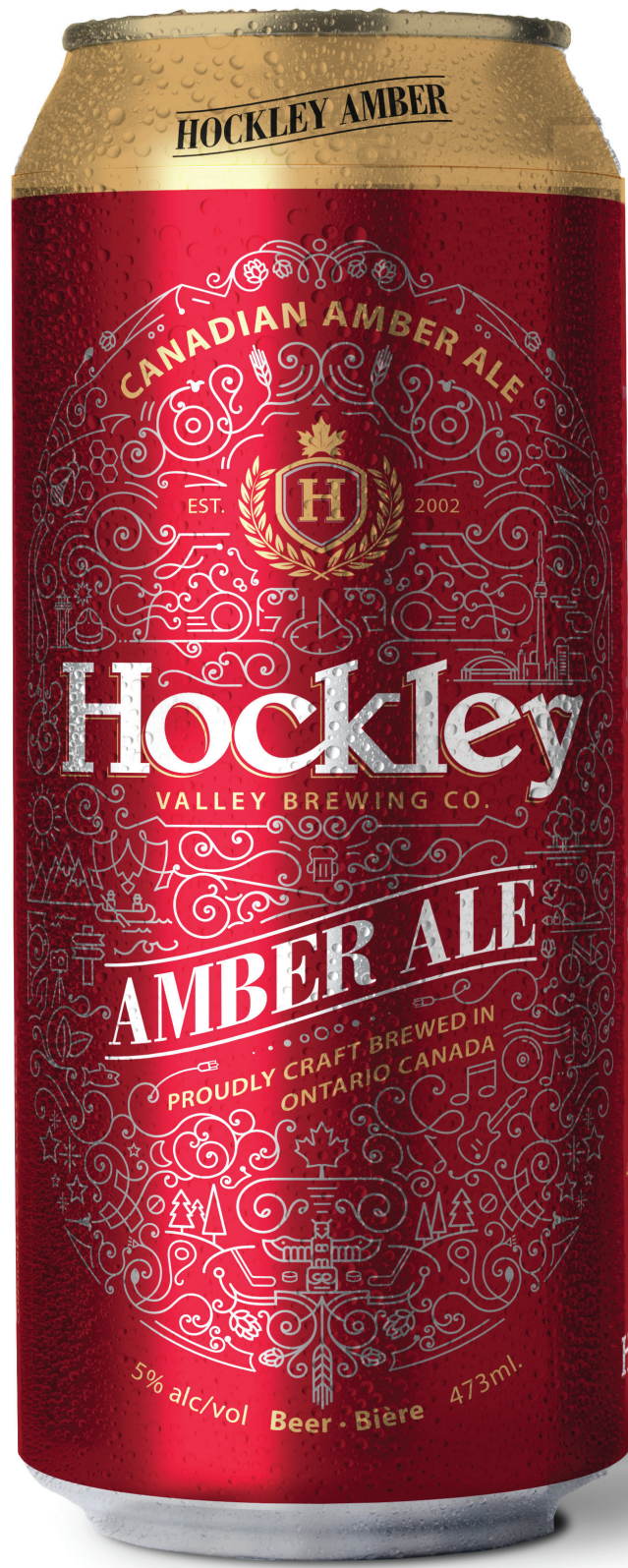
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Montreal Massacre victims to be honoured through virtual vigil

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place to honour Montreal Massacre victims through virtual vigil

By: Paula Brown

Family Transition Place (FTP), will be commemorating the victims of the Montreal Massacre and women who have lost their lives to femicide this year, through a virtual vigil on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Dec. 6).

"We didn't want the day to go completely unmarked so we are going to be doing something online," said Norah Kennedy, executive director at Family Transition Place.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women has taken place annually on the anniversary of the 1989 Montreal Massacre for the last 29 years. The day honours the 14 women murdered and 14 women injured by lone gunman Marc Lépine, when he attacked an engineering school affiliated with the University of Montreal,

which he said was a "fight against feminists."

"It was a very concrete example of misogyny and hatred towards women by somebody who believed that his position as a male, entitled him to something that women should not have been entitled to, which was access to the engineering programming at universities," said Kennedy.

"Now, this is a huge extreme case, but what it demonstrates is that when that sort of attitude prevails, terrible things happen and we see that on a daily basis, on individual levels, where women who are exposed to violence have to come and live in the shelter, because it is not safe for them being at home, because usually their male partner believes he has the right to hurt and abuse them."

In recent years the vigil has been held outside of FTP offices on Bredin Parkway in Orangeville and for the 30th anniversary the organization held its memorial at Town Hall in Orangeville. This year the vigil has been moved to a virtual format on the FTP's social media accounts, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kennedy will start the virtual vigil by speaking about the 14 women murder in the massacre, followed by presentations highlighting the 14 women, as well as women in our own community who have been killed through gender bias violence.

"It's important for us to continue to remember that because it's only by examining our behaviors that were able to affect any change. And so by looking at the attitudes, and the policies and the systems that engender that sort of violence and attitude, we are able to see where maybe we are able to grow," said Kennedy.

As part of the memorial event this year, Kennedy says the will be focusing on kindness.

"We're going to be focusing on kindness, and asking people to look for ways in which to spread kindness, especially during this really challenging time that we're all living," she said.

While Dec. 6 marks a day of remembrance for the women who died during the Montreal Massacre, it is also a day to remember

women across the country who have died by gender violence.

Thus far in 2020, there have been 35 women in Ontario who have lost their lives to femicide – the act of a man killing a woman because they're female. There have been no deaths by femicide recorded in Dufferin County in 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its subsequent lockdown measures was a big concern for FTP, said Kennedy.

"In the month after the pandemic started, calls to crisis lines and requests for shelter space dropped considerably, which made us really concerned about what was happening that we weren't able to know about," she noted.

Between 2019 and 2020 FTP was able to shelter 79 women and 78 children, while they've had 36 women and 21 children in 2020.

The FTP virtual vigil will be held on Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m. and can be found on FTP's social media accounts.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Wolves Peewee AE team named OMHA co-champions

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Peewee AE team were robbed of what was most likely their final game last spring when the COVID-19 pandemic brought a sudden end to the season.

They were leading their final series 2-0 over the Strathroy Jr. Rockets team #2 when they got the word the series would not continue.

Confident of a win and a championship, the series cancellation was a bitter disappointment to the team who had worked hard all season.

To finalize the year, the OMHA declared the last teams standing to be co-champions.

Team coach, Jon Hare, said he considers his team the champions as they were on the

right track to take the win, the series and the championship.

The Wolves had a 15-2-3 regular season record and followed up with a 4-1-1 record in playoffs. That's an outstanding record for a team that had only ten skaters and two goalies.

Entering the OMHA playoffs the squad received a bye in the first round after finishing in the number one spot in the division.

They were up against the Essa Eagles, Durham Crusaders, and Strathroy Jr. Rockets in the playoffs.

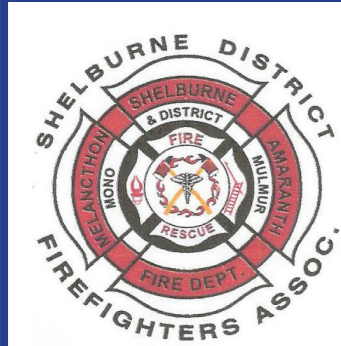
The Wolves had a clean 8-0 record in the OMHA championships registering 37 goals for, and 11 goals against in the playoffs.

"Starting the season with tryouts and team selection first and foremost, my intention was to build a team that would be



PHOTOS: BRIAN LOCKHART

SHELBURNE CHAMPIONS: The Shelburne Wolves Peewee AE received their red hats at the CDCR on Saturday, November 21, in recognition of the 2020 OMHA championship winning season. The Wolves were named co-champions after the final series was abruptly cancelled in March. It was the first time in 17 years, an OMHA championship has been brought back to Shelburne. The winning team includes, Nick Gibson, Lucas Carson-Pedri, Ryder Hare, Ethan Gardiner, Carter McComb, Carter Parr, Cole Reed, Logan Leonardo, Lukas Bennington, Harrison Foulger, Luca Foladore, Aaron Gibson, coach Jon Hare, assistant coach Rudy Pedri, trainer Gregg Bennington, manager Lynn Gibson, parent rep Lora Stone McComb, parent rep Heather Watson, and AP players, Tristan Park and Joshua Hunt.



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capable of building a bond so strong that nothing could stop them," said head coach, Jon Hare.

"We selected players based on who had good skills, who were strong and competitive and who could develop and bond with the team we set out to build. The next step was to select a great coaching staff to compliment the team and support the program. We had success in that with Rudy Pedrias, our assistant coach, Gregg Bennington as our trainer, and Lynn Gibson as our manager. We also had strong support from our parent reps, Lora Stone McComb and Heather Watson, who helped organize all our special events with perfection."

The team bonded as a unit over the season and worked hard during games and in practice.

"We all worked extremely hard in practices and it paid off," Hare said. "All season we were able to out-skate, out-work, and

outlast all of our competition."

Highlights of the season include a tournament in Aylmer where they had two shut-outs and only one goal against, leading to the semi-final round. They went to the championship but lost after playing triple overtime in the championship game.

The kids were gassed at the end of that game after rolling two lines over six periods.

The team is the first squad in 17 years to bring an OMHA championship home to Shelburne.

The Wolves Peewee AE team received their red hats during a special ceremony at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, November 21, when they finally got the recognition they deserved for a well played season.

Local fire fighters and emergency personnel did a full lights and siren parade in front of the arena to help the team celebrate.

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No ice for curlers this season at Shelburne Curling Club

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

If you're a curler, you may want to look into trying another sport for the 2021 winter season.

The Shelburne Curling Club won't be putting the ice into their facility this year.

The Club had originally planned on a January 2 start to the season. Usually the ice is in by October.

In the planning stage for this season, Club executive had an entire series of rules in place to keep people safe while on the ice and in the clubroom.

Those rules meant social distancing while on the ice, and during after game socializing.

"Each curling club is physically unique so our Board of Managers has created a



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

Return to Play Protocol for each of our members to follow," said Shelburne Curling Club president, Rob Scott, earlier this month when the plans were to go ahead with the season. "This protocol is being sent out to each of our prospective members to let them know what to expect this

season."

Initially the Club hoped to have a good number of returning and new members this year to operate the Club successfully.

On November 1, they initiated a pre-registration process to determine whether the Club would have enough curlers to justify opening the Club.

The Board of Managers set a target of 100 curlers and / or \$30,000 in registration fees.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many regular curlers decided to be safe and sit this season out.

The Club issued a letter stating, "The number of people hoping to curl was well short of our target and even allowing for some 'late registrations, we would not be able to run the club on this basis."

With the region going into a Code Orange situation due to the pandemic, restrictions included not being able to serve liquor after 9:00 p.m. and the lounge area would have to close at 10:00 p.m.

The statement issued by the Club said, "This would obviously cut into our bar revenue as well as limit our ability to socialize after curling."

The statement closed by saying that not opening the club this season is a correct decision, from both "the club's financial perspective and from a socially responsible point of view."

While the Club won't be open this season, curlers can always try other outdoor sports that are available to keep in shape.

Local racer has championship season



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

SUCCESSFUL SEASON: Thirteen year-old Ryder Hare finished the GoKart racing season with a division championship in his second year in the sport. The Shelburne resident raced at Goodwood Kartways in Stouffville this past summer and plans to move up to a higher level of the sport when the season resumes in the spring.

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

In only his second year racing GoKarts, Shelburne resident Ryder Hare has recorded his first championship season.

Thirteen year-old Ryder won his division at Goodwood Kartways in Stouffville after taking the checkered flag in nine of his 12 races for the season and winning the pole position in eight of those races.

Over all he finished second in his class in a field of 132 drivers trailing the top spot by a single point.

The season got a late start this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic so they lost a few races early in the season.

Ryder became interested in Kart racing after first getting a taste of speed riding dirt bikes then taking a GoKart for a spin at a track in Wasaga Beach.

His dad, Jon, looked into the sport, and found a good way to get into the competition at a reasonable cost. 'Arrive and drive' karts are supplied and maintained by the track and allow a young driver to race a season to make sure they want to continue with the sport without putting out a lot of money to buy and maintain a kart.

"It was fun - I liked it," Ryder said of his first time in a race. "I was thinking about what lines I should be taking around the track. I need to know where to get to and where to turn on the track. It's called 'hitting the marks.'"

Ryder's new Kart has a 260 cc, four-stroke engine and gets up to around 90 kph on the track. Karts don't have a suspension system so the ride around the track is actually pretty bumpy.

He had 12 starts in his first season and learned the nuances of racing.

In his second season on the track, Ryder had the experience to take his racing up a

notch.

A typical track day allows for practice laps followed by a five lap qualifying session. Your time in qualifying determines your position at the start of the race.

When on the track, driver's have a unit on board that allows them to monitor their racing performance and includes things like lap times so they know if they need to complete a faster lap to stay in the race.

"I got the pole position in my first win," Ryder said of his first checked flag this year. "I just held my position for the whole race. The biggest challenge on the track is to keep it consistent," he said of finding the right line on the track, so he enters and exits the curves at maximum speed and the best place on the asphalt.

"My goal for next season is to get podiums, meaning to get first, second or third in the race," Ryder said.

Now that he has a championship under his racing belt and his own Kart, Ryder and Jon plan to move up to a higher division next season which will require more travelling and visiting other raceways around the province.

Their sponsors for this year included, SGR Plumbing, Scott Reinhart Trailer Sales in Shelburne, and Family Funland GoKart Track in Kincardine.

Ryder said that after getting some experience and enjoying the sport, he'd like to see how far he can get in the racing world.

He said his long-term goal is to race with NASCAR.

Ryder will be back on the track when the next season starts in May.

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Orangeville Council asks County to improve CP Rail Trail for resident use

Orangeville Council unanimously approved a motion to endorse the Town of Amaranth's letter to the County of Dufferin, requesting that they improve the CP Rail Trail for walking and cycling.

The trail runs between Owen Sound and Orangeville and Amaranth's letter requests that additional work be done to it, so it can be enjoyed by area residents.

"I think getting that rail trail in shape for pedestrians and cyclists is a fantastic idea and I'd like to support it as a council ourselves," said Coun. Grant Peters.

Peters put forward the motion for endorsement and it was seconded by Mayor Sandi Brown, before it was passed by Council.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary of DAVID WESLEY TEETER

AUGUST 4, 1937 - NOVEMBER 10, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful death of David Wesley, son of Nelson and Annie Teeter, on November 10, 2020 in his home of 50 years in Mansfield, Ont. In his 84th year, David was surrounded by his beloved wife, Shirley (Hall) and loving children Wayne (Mary), Warren (Janet), Bryan (Michelle) and Wendy (Ryan). Brother to Bernice (Stu), Ken (Carol), Mel (Agnes), Gerald (Marilyn), Donna (Bill), Delmer (Nancy), Clare (Dawn) and Grandfather to Kalle, Emily, Natalie, Kenya, Rachel, Jacky, Amanda, Jamie and Jordana. David will be sadly missed and forever loved by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Teeter Family.



OBITUARIES

FLEAR, WILENA ALICE DORSEY (COWLING)

Passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Dufferin Oaks on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 in her 94th year. Predeceased by her husbands Harold Flear (1978) and Leslie Payne (1994). Loving Mother of Lorne (Heather) Flear, Paul (Mary) Flear, Wayne (Donna) Flear, Donna (Alan) Speers. Devoted grandmother to Sherry, Heather, Pamela, Michelle, Michael, Ryan, Katie, Devin and Justin. Great-Grandmother to 12 great-grandchildren. Wilena was predeceased by her parents Robert Edwin Cowling and Sophia Alzina (Boyle). She will be lovingly remembered by many family and friends. After 35 years in a career of teaching and raising a family, her retirement years were spent on her flower beds, horticulture and became an accomplished artist. A private family service was held with interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to the Shelburne Public Library or Honeywood Firefighters' Association. Donations and online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



PUBLIC NOTICE



Public Notice – Township of Amaranth Municipal Council Vacancy

TAKE NOTICE THAT a vacancy exists on the Township of Amaranth Council for one (1) Councillor Position. Council has determined that it wishes to fill this vacancy through **SELECTION BY NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT** in accordance with the Township of Amaranth Council Vacancy Policy.

The term of this position is from the date of Council appointment for the balance of the Council term until November 14, 2022.

A candidate for municipal office must be a qualified municipal elector as set out in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Qualified electors must be:

- 18 years of age or older;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of the Township of Amaranth, or an owner or tenant of land in the Township or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
- not prohibited from voting under any other Act or disqualified from holding municipal office.

Interested Nominees must complete and submit a Council Vacancy Application package in person to the Clerk. **Nominations will be accepted by the Clerk at the Municipal Office during regular business hours until Friday, December 11, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Please note appointments must be made with the Township Office to complete the application package. Drop off packages will not be accepted.**

Candidate(s) must also submit to the Clerk a personal statement of qualification for consideration of Council. Personal statements will be typewritten in a 12-point font on letter size (8 1/2" x 11") paper, shall not exceed two (2) pages in length, and will include the Candidate's name and address. Statements that do not meet these requirements shall not be included in any Council meeting agenda or provided to Council by the Clerk.

Certified registered Candidates will be afforded the opportunity to address Council for a period of not more than ten (10) minutes and then will be asked questions by Council in an open Special Meeting of Council to be held on December 17, 2020 starting at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

The Council Vacancy Policy and application package are available on the Township's website at www.amaranth.ca or at the Municipal Office 374028 6th Line, Amaranth.

For further information or to complete a Council Vacancy Application package, please contact: Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk nmartin@amaranth.ca

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Final mobile blood drive, fully booked

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Canadian Blood Services is holding its final mobile blood drive clinic of the year in Shelburne on Dec. 11 and all of the appointments to donate have already been filled.

"What I would say for Shelburne is to certainly thank the community for stepping up and filling up that clinic," said Elaine St. Pierre, territory manager for Canadian Blood Services. "It's really important to know that if you did grab a spot, to take that hour out of your day, make that commitment and show up because we do need every single unit that we booked in."

Canadian Blood Services generally holds a blood drive in Shelburne at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex every three months, and while the COVID-19 pandemic has created restrictions for the non-profit organization, the need for blood continues.

"The need for blood is something that is maintained, it's there every day and it doesn't matter that there's a pandemic; babies are still being born every day; mothers are still having complications during childbirth; people still have cancer; there are still going to be car accidents," said St. Pierre. "There are things that are going on every day that are constantly uses for blood."

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, following a call to action for donations, St. Pierre says that the Canadian

Blood Services saw a surge of people going to clinics to donate blood. With hospitals halting elective procedures and treatments that tend to have high use for blood, she notes they also experienced a dip in the demand.

"We were very lucky that we happened to go into the pandemic with a good strong inventory in the country," said St. Pierre.

Canadian Blood Services resuming their donor clinics has since seen a reduced capacity for collecting blood, with physical distancing protocols and cleaning measures restricting the number of people they're able to process – they've also seen a spike in the need for blood donations.

"The demand for the hospital using the blood has gone back up to pre-pandemic levels, yet, we're still constrained by our capacity to collect because of the need for physical distancing," said St. Pierre.

Now, with the demand back at pre-pandemic levels and walk-in donations not permitted, St. Pierre is urging those who have signed up to show up for their appointments as they need "every single unit booked in".

While appointments for the Shelburne mobile clinic have already fully booked up, St. Pierre adds that those looking to donate in the future can still check their eligibility to donate blood.

Appointments can be booked at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-2DONATE.

Shelburne Council asks Province to repeal legislation limiting conservation authorities

Written By PAULA BROWN
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Shelburne Town Council showed their support towards conservation authorities, voting unanimously on a motion asking the Province to repeal Schedule 6 from Bill 229, which restricts the power of conservation authorities, during their last Council meeting on Nov. 24.

"They're going to be making decisions without any of the expertise and data that the conservation authority does with their expertise," said Coun. Walter Benotto, who brought the motion forward.

He also said the province is deciding to overstep what the conservation authority does, by amending the section of the Conservation Authorities Act.

Conservation Authorities first started becoming established in the 1940s when Ontario was dealing with severe flooding and erosion problems and played a large part in regulating land for the safety of communities, following Hurricane Hazel.

"They were set up after Hurricane Hazel to make sure there was no development in areas where there was possible loss of life or damage to property," said Coun. Benotto.

The province on Nov. 5 introduced a budget measure bill, which included the section amending the Conservation Authorities Act. Changes proposed in Schedule 6 would allow developers who applied for permits to appeal the decision of conservation authorities.

Coun. Benotto said he's concerned with the municipality being sued if homes get damaged due to flooding.

"They're going to sue the municipality, they're not going to sue the province and that's where I have issues, because we're the ones that become liable for that development going ahead and those homes going into place," he noted.

The resolution seeks to repeal Schedule 6, that the province continue to work with conservation authorities to reduce red tape, to respect the current conservation authority and embrace their long partnership.

Mono council also passed a resolution during their Nov. 24 meeting, saying they are not "impressed" with Schedule 6 to Bill 229 and that it "undermines the power of conservation authorities to do their job."

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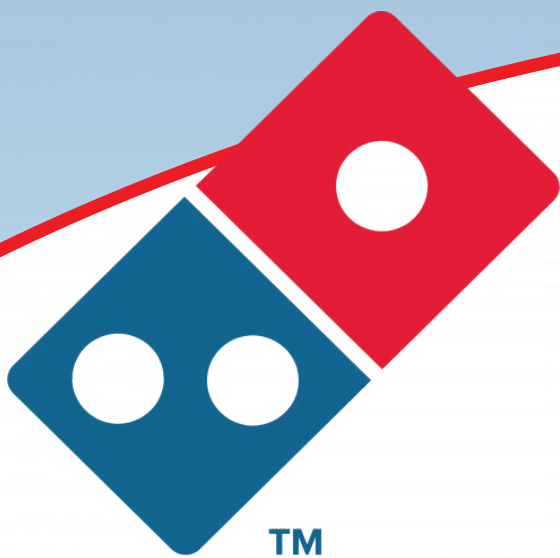
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