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FIRST SHOT: Sarah Ricci, an employee of Shelburne's Long Term Care Home, was the very first person in the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on Jan. 6 at Guelph Public Health.

COVID-19 vaccine gets rolled out to local LTC staff

Written By Sam Odrowski

Greater protection against COVID-19 is coming to Shelburne's Long Term Care Home, as several of the staff received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine, which protects against the novel coronavirus, last week.

"The Province has prioritized early doses to those that are most vulnerable. Front-line healthcare workers may be exposed to COVID regularly due to the nature of their work. They also – especially in the case of [long term care] – often interact with people who are at high risk from COVID," said Danny Williamson, spokesperson for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health.

Sarah Ricci, who works at the long term care home was the very first person within the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health region to receive the vaccine when it was rolled out at Guelph Public Health last Wednesday, Jan. 6.

In light of the tragic outbreak at Shelburne Long Term Care that claimed 15 lives in May of 2020, Ricci told the Citizen she's grateful and relieved to receive the vaccine and be better protected against the virus.

"We were hit pretty hard," said Ricci when speaking of the outbreak.

"We're here to protect the residents and the staff as well, and we're here for the health and well being of everyone," she added, when speaking about why she chose to be included in the early round of vaccinations.

Staff from Shelburne Long Term Care have been commuting down to Guelph over the last week to receive the shot.

So far, over 15 staff members are now inoculated. While it isn't mandatory for nursing home staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, they're being highly encouraged.

In clinical trials, the Pfizer vaccine, which Ricci received, has been proven to be 95 per cent effective in preventing COVID-19, beginning one week after the second dose.

Ricci says she's scheduled to get her sec-

ond dose back at Guelph Public Health on Jan. 27 and immunity starts after seven days or more from when the second dose is distributed.

At the start of the week, a total of 350,000 COVID-19 vaccines were administered across Canada.

When reflecting back on 2020 and the support received from the community during the outbreak in the Shelburne Long Term Care Home, Ricci says it was "overwhelming."

"We just wanted to thank everybody for being there for us and now we're going to be there for everybody else, and get our vaccinations to keep everyone safe," she remarked.

Meanwhile, Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) began getting their staff vaccinated against COVID-19 on Jan. 8.

Rachel Kalas, Registered Nurse at HHCC's Emergency Department was among the first of the hospitals staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

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Second provincial emergency declared today for COVID-19

Written By Sam Odrowski

Effective today (Jan. 14) the Province of Ontario is issuing a stay-at-home order, requiring everyone to remain in their household, except for essential purposes.

Trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, healthcare services, exercise, and essential work have all been deemed valid by the government.

In addition to this, a second provincial emergency order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act has been declared in Ontario as a response to the Province's doubling of COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks.

"The latest modelling data shows that Ontario is in a crisis and, with the current trends, our hospital ICUs will be overwhelmed in a few short weeks with unthinkable consequences," said Premier Ford. "That's why we are taking urgent and decisive action, which includes declaring a provincial emergency and imposing a stay-at-home-order."

"We need people to only go out only for essential trips to pick up groceries or go to medical appointments. By doing the right thing and staying home, you can stay safe and save lives," he added.

The new health measures are intended to limit people's mobility and reduce their number of daily contacts with those outside their immediate household. This is aimed at reducing pressure on hospitals to prevent them from being overwhelmed by severe cases of COVID-19.

The Province's latest modeling trends for the novel coronavirus have continued to worsen since the implementation of a Province wide lockdown two weeks ago (Dec. 26). A rise in the number of Ontarians infected with COVID-19 has led to increased hospitalization rates and Intensive Care

Unit (ICU) occupancy, which has resulted in the cancellation of scheduled surgeries and procedures.

ICU occupancy is currently over 400 beds, while the Province's capacity is 1,000 before hospitals risk being overwhelmed. This level of ICU occupancy could come as soon as early February, according to modelling conducted by provincial health officials.

New health measures intended to further curb the spread of COVID-19 include limiting outdoor public gatherings and social gatherings to five people with limited exceptions.

As well, all non-essential retail stores, including hardware stores, alcohol retailers, and those offering curbside pickup or delivery, must open no earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m. The restricted hours of operation do not apply to stores that primarily sell food, pharmacies, gas stations, convenience stores, and restaurants for takeout or delivery.

Non-essential construction has also been further restricted.

To help quickly identify and isolate cases of COVID-19 in workplaces and service providers permitted to remain open, such as long-term care homes and schools, the Province will provide up to 300,000 COVID-19 tests per week.

These tests will support key sectors such as healthcare, manufacturing, warehousing, supply chain and food processing.

All of the new measures imposed by the Province will provide authority to police, bylaw officers and provincial workplace inspectors to issue tickets to individuals who do not comply with stay-at-home orders or mandatory masks. Those who decide not to abide by orders will be subject to set fines and/or prosecution under both the Re-opening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, (ROA) and EMCPA.

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She has been part of the frontline response to the pandemic since its onset; caring for patients and families as well as supporting colleagues.

Kalas received the Pfizer vaccine at the Brampton Civic Hospital last Friday (Jan. 8), which is providing the vaccine to HHCC staff and physicians.

"This is an emotional moment for me. It has been such a journey navigating this pandemic; from my home life to work life and everything in between. I feel like this vaccine is a symbol of hope that we won't have to balance the weight of the pandemic as much anymore," she explained.

While the focus remains on long term care and retirement homes for rolling out the vaccine, high-risk healthcare providers are offered spaces where availability permits,

said the HHCC in a press release.

Headwaters has endured 70 inpatient cases of COVID-19 and 42 among staff since the pandemic started last March. COVID-19 cases are expected to increase in the coming weeks as transmission of the virus continues to accelerate within the Province.

"I am extremely grateful to our community partners for creating opportunities to protect our staff and physicians against COVID-19. The arrival of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in our region is encouraging and I am hopeful with the current public health restrictions in place, along with continued adherence to public health guidelines, we will soon start to see the results we are all hoping for and working hard to achieve," said Kim Delahunt, President & CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
UNDER SECTIONS 45(5) & 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT**

Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

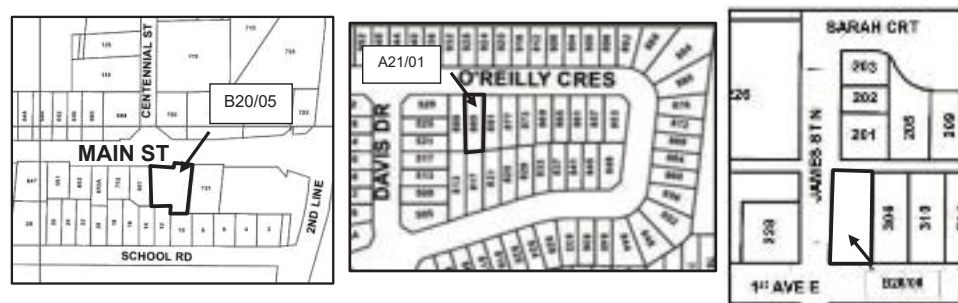
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- Application for Consent B20/05** – Montgomery Homes Inc. has submitted an application for consent for a property located at the east end of Main Street East. The subject property is legally described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 2, Part 1 of Plan 7R-1552 and Part 1 of Plan 7R-350. The property has an existing total area of approximately 0.28 hectare with 52.8 metres of frontage on Main Street East (Highway 89). The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of 1,406 square metres to create a new residential lot on the subject land for a new single detached dwelling. The retained land will have an area of 1,375 square metres and is also intended to be used for a new single detached dwelling.
- Application for Consent B20/06** – David and Kelly Montgomery have submitted an application for consent for a property located at 302 First Avenue East. The subject property is legally described as All of Lot 1, Part of Lot 2, Block 28, Plan 12A. The property has an existing total area of approximately 923 square metres with 20.35 metres on First Avenue East and 45.36 metres of frontage on James Street North. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of 345 square metres to create a new residential lot for a single detached dwelling on the subject land. The retained land will have an area of 578 square metres and is used for an existing single detached dwelling. The applicant has also submitted an application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Z20/03) concurrent with this application.
- Application for Minor Variance A21/01** – A representative for Reynal Menzis, owner of the property located at 885 O'Reilly Crescent, has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Section 5.68 of Zoning By-law 38-2007 in order to construct a converted dwelling with a second dwelling unit in the cellar of the existing single detached dwelling. The application is seeking relief from the regulation which states that a dwelling unit shall not be located in the cellar of a dwelling.

Maps showing the locations of the subject properties are provided below.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than February 4, 2021. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrqPbe2EVxh-w>.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email planning@shelburne.ca or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca.



Grey County looking to extend weekend bus service through Town

Written By Peter Richardson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Council have been instructed to investigate the feasibility and implementation of a proposed expansion of the Grey County Transit to include weekend bus service.

The direction came after a report was presented to Council from CAO Denyse Morrissey regarding the extension.

The possibility does exist to implement the service, from Southgate through Dundalk to Orangeville and the cost would be \$60,000. It was noted that the project could be done on a month to month basis.

Currently, in the 2021 Budget, there are two expenditures for Transit which could be realigned to pay for a five month pilot project to see weekend bus service from Dundalk to Orangeville, via Shelburne.

The two items are \$25,000 for two proposed bus shelters and another \$8,000 for the winter maintenance of these shelters.

The proposed realignment would see the \$25,000 used to fund the service and the \$8,000 spend on marketing the extended service. The times for the weekend routes has yet to be determined, but would be later than the weekly runs due to a different ridership.

Two potential issues are that there is no GO service from Orangeville on weekends and Orangeville's transit does not operate on Sundays. In addition, with the current COVID shutdown, the two stops currently in Orangeville are not really useful, as the services at those stops are currently closed. Added to this, the expected increased COVID restrictions from the Province, will further hamper the service.

CAO Morrissey proposed that the service not be implemented until the current lockdown is lifted, which could possibly occur in March or April of this year.

The pilot project's five month duration would then see it run for the majority of the functioning year and give a better pic-

ture of the usefulness of the idea, under regular conditions.

Mayor Mills supports the idea of the weekend service and agreed with the financing of it. He did however suggest that waiting until the lockdown is lifted makes the most sense, both from a financial and ridership perspective. That way, they would not be paying for an ineffective service that would not be beneficial to the residents or the transit authority.

Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson complimented Morrissey on her report before asking how the rest of the service could be paid for as it was a total cost for the year of \$60,000.

The CAO responded that at the moment the plan was to meet with Grey County Transit after two months to evaluate if the service was being successful. Assuming that it was indeed a success, she would come back to Council to see how to proceed.

They could investigate if any grants were available, since rider fees do not even cover the costs of the normal weekly transit runs.

Should further COVID 19 funding be available, potentially it could be used for transit, as it currently is in other communities.

Staff could also look at other potential procurement of funds in the 2021 Budget or barring that, search for other alternative sources of funding.

With that, Council voted to accept the report as presented and to realign the two proposed amounts in the 2021 Budget to the transit services and marketing.

In other news, Council approved the new Borrowing By-law presented by the Treasurer, for \$8,897,020 in 2021.

This is a mandatory annual by-law which authorizes Council to borrow up to the approved amount in the By-law.

This does not mean Council will borrow the nearly \$9 million, but instead, it sets their limit for the fiscal year of 2021.

Local museum calls on artists, photographers

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Museum of Dufferin is calling on local artists and photographers to send in submissions for its Black History Month Exhibition, presented in partnership with Dufferin County Canadian Black Association.

The juried photography and art exhibition is taking place online and those looking to enter can apply at: <https://www.dufferinmuseum.com/bhm/> and find out more about the competition.

There is no fee to enter the show and the

theme is "Solidarity in My Community." The theme stems from the "overwhelming cries to address anti-black racism, systemic discrimination and social justice reform worldwide following the death of George Floyd," according to the Museum of Dufferin's website.

Artists and photographers are encouraged to share images and artwork that show what "Solidarity in My Community" means to them. Awards will be announced for Best in Show, Student Award, and Juror's Choice Award.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 1 at 5 p.m.



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WDG schools face extended closures for in-person learning

Written By Sam Odrowski

All Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph schools have been instructed by Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Nicola Mercer to extend on-line-only learning until Jan. 24, and an announcement from the Province last Thursday extended it to Jan. 25.

During the announcement, Premier Doug Ford said the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario will advise the Ministry of Education on Jan. 20 with which public health units can resume in-person, based on COVID-19 numbers.

"With a significant rise in cases across our region and evidence of transmission among school-aged children, we must make this difficult decision to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keep our region safe," said Dr. Mercer in a press release from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

"As parent myself, I know this will be a challenge for many families in the region. Thank you for your continued sacrifices to reduce the threat of COVID-19 to our children and our region. To our teachers, staff, administrators and boards, thank you for continuing to deliver exceptional education during these difficult times."

Schools in Windsor-Essex, Peel Region, Toronto, York and Hamilton will have distanced learning extended until a minimum of Feb. 10.

New rules that are being implemented for schools across Ontario include masking for Grade 1-3 and requirements for mask wearing outdoors. There's also enhanced screening protocols and targeted testing has been expanded.

"At the heart of our continued efforts to protect against the spread of COVID-19 in our communities is a firm commitment to return kids to school safely," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "Protecting our students, staff and their families is our top priority, and these additional measures build on our comprehensive plan to reopen schools and keep young children in child care safe."

Despite the closure of all schools, child-care centres for non-school aged children will remain open,

As well, the Province is also implementing new health and safety measures in child-care settings, such as enhanced screening to align with school requirements, voluntary participation in targeted testing and additional infection prevention and control measures to align with schools.

These enhancements are in addition to existing health and safety measures in child care settings across the province. Health officials will determine if school can resume after Jan. 25, closer to the date.



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Chasing ghosts

Several years ago I was invited to attend a family party on a rural property to document the event for a newspaper article.

The party was held to recognize the family's anniversary of arriving on Canadian soil from the Netherlands in the 1950s.

They had moved into their newly built house the previous year. It was a nice property surrounded by trees with a long driveway.

I was speaking to the homeowner and asked him about the work it took building his new house on a treed lot.

He explained they had cleared the lot using chainsaws. After cutting down the trees to make room for the house and a yard, they had to reduce the trees to single logs which were they placed on the back of a flatbed truck using a crane.

Once loaded up, the truck pulled onto the paved road and made an easy journey to the sawmill some 50 miles away.

The homeowner made some money back by selling the hardwood to the mill.

"That must have been a tough job doing all that yourself?" I asked him.

He admitted it was a hard job with a lot of 'back-breaking' work to get all those trees cut and the land cleared.

Now imagine the same scenario of clearing that land and building the house in a different way.

You don't get to use a chainsaw - you have to use a hand held axe. Instead of loading those heavy logs on a flatbed truck with a crane, you use your own muscle power and it is a pair of oxen that pull the cart - onto a muddy pathway, not a road.

Even then you won't sell those logs. You'll use them to build the home you will live in because there are no places to buy building supplies and there are no tradesmen you can hire to help you do the job.

That was the reality for the early settlers in the region.

And that was only the start of a very difficult situation. Once you have your home built, you will have to have enough food stored to survive the winter.

When the spring rolls around, it starts all over again but an even tougher task is ahead.

You have to clear a lot of land, rocks, trees, and tree stumps to make the land suitable for farming.

Early immigrants arrived in the region with hopes and dreams of a new life. Whether they realized how difficult it would really be is hard to say.

I'm sure there was more than one early young pioneer wife who thought it may have been a mistake leaving her small village in Ireland to sign up for life in the backwoods of a new colony.

Everything ahead of them had to be carved out of a wild, open area with no support behind them at all. You couldn't find a doctor if you needed one because there weren't any.

If you got sick, the best you could do was hope some home remedy worked. If the bull in your pasture got the better of you one day and left you with a pile of broken bones, your chances of survival would be slim to none, and you spent your last couple of days in the cabin waiting for the end.

It was a tough life. Considering our towns and cities in North

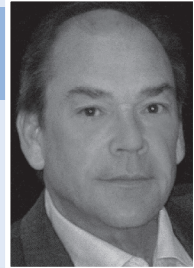
America were essentially built from scratch, it is important to remember the early pioneers who paved the way and provided the foundation of what is a rather cushy modern life.

Many of those early pioneers are now only remembered in the form of a name and a date etched into granite or limestone in scattered pioneer cemeteries, while others are simply lost in time or buried in forgotten and unmarked graves in the back-40 of some farm pasture.

While many families eventually moved on to greener pastures, in some areas those pioneer names are still around and in some cases the family farm has been passed down through the generations.

It is important to remember these early pioneers and the legacy they have left behind.

That legacy continues to our current day and will be passed down to the generations still to come.



BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

Vaccine triage

Triage is always crude and messy, and there are always mistakes, but the goal is to save as many lives as possible in an emergency where there are not enough medical resources to save everybody. That certainly applies to the COVID-19 pandemic, and there is certainly rough-and-ready triage going on right now in hospitals across the world.

But there is also something approximating to triage happening with regard to vaccines in the United Kingdom now. The estimable Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for almost half his life, was denouncing it on the media only the other day. But just this once, he may be wrong.

Britain was one of the first countries to start vaccinating people last month when the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine became available (8 December), and it now has been the first to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine, but both require a second shot three weeks after the first.

At the same time, however, the UK has been ground zero for the new strain of the Covid-19 virus, romantically named VUI/202012/01 (or B.1.1.7 for short). More than half the world's reported infections are there, and the reason it's spreading so fast is that it's three times more infectious than the older variant.

Daily infections in the UK tripled in three weeks, and now regularly exceed 60,000. Deaths from Covid-19 are now well over 1,000 a day, and may stay up there until a sufficient fraction of the population has been vaccinated. Therefore the faster the vaccinations can be

done, the fewer people will die or suffer 'long Covid' symptoms.

So the chief medical officer of England, Professor Chris Whitty, and his counterparts in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland took a brave and potentially momentous decision. They announced that the scheduled second shot of the vaccine would be postponed to twelve weeks after the first for everybody who hadn't already had it - effectively, for almost everybody in the country.

The advantage of doing it that way is obvious. Whatever speed the vaccinations are being done at, you will be processing twice as many people in the same time if you don't have to devote half your resources to giving second shots at the same time.

In England, under Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government, that may be no better than Donald Trump's pathetic 'warp speed' vaccination program in the United States, which promised twenty million inoculations by the end of December and managed about four million.

From foolishly delayed lock-downs to a shambolic test-and-trace program that still doesn't work, the British government has failed every test it was set. The United Kingdom still leads the United States by a hair in the race for the coveted world title of Second-Worst COVID Death Rate for a Large Developed Country. (Italy still leads the field.) But all the more reason to speed up the vaccinations.

Now, the obvious drawback with this one-shot-now, one-shot-twelve-weeks-later approach is that nobody is getting the full pro-

tection that would come with a booster shot after only three weeks. Or at least that's the consensus, although you can find researchers who argue that latter is better.

Professor Andrew Pollard of the UK's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization is one of them.

"If you have a longer gap between that first and second dose," he told the Guardian, "then the strength of the booster tends to be stronger...That's what we see with almost every other vaccine that's ever been tested."

There certainly is an element of triage in this. A few people who don't get their second shot on the original schedule may contract the virus and die while waiting twelve weeks for the booster. However, a lot more people will avoid dying from Covid-19, because twice as many will have received that single shot in the same time.

There is now a steady stream of spokespersons for the pharmaceutical firms that produced these vaccines publicly warning that there is 'no evidence' that a single shot gives protection for more than three weeks.

Of course there isn't. All the tests were done with a second shot after just three weeks, so how could there be?

However, it's just as true to say that there is no evidence that the vaccine's protection fails after three weeks, and a lot more relevant. The lawyers told those spokespersons to say what they said in order to protect the firms from possible lawsuits, but it would be almost unprecedented in the history of vaccines if the single shot's protection were to fail so quickly.

That's not how vaccines work.

Short-term efficacy from the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is around 90%; for the AstraZeneca jab, it's 70%. As Prof. Pollard said, "From three weeks after the first dose, we're not seeing anyone who's vaccinated admitted to the hospital or developing severe disease."

In a pandemic, this radical measure is just common sense, and others should take heed.



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Local food bank receives a donation of nearly \$8,000

Written By Sam Odrowski

The season of giving may be behind us, but local businesses are still going out of their way to support community organizations in need.

Home Hardware raised \$2,700 from the community over the holidays and owner, Bill Gillam is matching that donation dollar for dollar to give to the local food bank.

In addition to Gillam's \$5,400, McCarthy Real Estate pitched in \$500 and the Dufferin Drift Busters Snowmobile Club has contributed \$2,000, bringing the total donation up to \$7,900.

While it may not seem like a crazy amount of money, Ardith Dunlop of the Shepherds Cupboard Food Bank in Shelburne told the Citizen it will make a huge difference in getting quality food to a growing number of local individuals in need.

"This donation means that we'll be in good operation for the next month or so. There's lots of stuff - despite wonderful donations from the community - that we have to buy in order to make our order," she explained. "We purchased the chicken locally, we purchase the hamburger locally... as well as produce, milk and bread, so there's a constant need for donations and the numbers are up."

The nearly \$8,000 will help the food bank



PHOTO: SAM ODROWSKI

BIG CHEQUE: Representatives from Home Hardware, McCarthy Real Estate, and Dufferin Drift Busters Snowmobile Club gathered together in front of Home Hardware on Tuesday to present a cheque totaling \$7,900 to the Shepherds Cupboard Food Bank in Shelburne.

continue its service through January and February.

However, if the numbers of individuals accessing Shepherds Cupboard continues to rise as they have through the pandemic, Dunlop says the food bank could be in trouble when looking ahead to spring.

"I think people tend to forget, as the

weather gets nicer, you know, April, May, June, July, August, those are lower times for people to give. So it's important just to remember until this [pandemic] is over, a lot of families are battling a lot of insecurities in their lives right now, so we're just happy that the community has supported us to be able to support them," she remarked.

Dunlop told the Citizen while food is a concern, many residents are struggling to pay for rent, hydro, or clothes.

"We don't want food [to be a concern] for anybody. If we can take food off the plate, then hopefully they can address other things," said Dunlop, when speaking of the various financial challenges Shelburne residents are facing.

Meanwhile, President of the Dufferin Drift Busters Snowmobile Club, Kevin Newcombe said his organization really wanted to give back to the community with a donation to show their thanks.

The club is extremely appreciative of the community for allowing them to run their snowmobile club in Shelburne.

"The local community volunteers and landowners have been very generous to support their time and property to allow us to be able to snowmobile here," he explained.

The Drift Busters donation came from money leftover from fundraising efforts held before the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the trails are currently closed to snowmobilers, Newcombe says they did get a good week of snowmobiling in prior to the shutdown.

He told the Citizen he looks forward to when the trails become operational again for local residents to enjoy.

Shelburne Public Library shares new books and news

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This week Teens who registered for a Teen Take & Make kit made snow paint so they

could paint anywhere we can find snow! You can check out our how-to videos on our YouTube Channel!

Our upcoming events include:

Tuesday, January 19th- Marbled Snowflakes and Tuesday, January 26th- Pulled string art

Children's Programs:

Our Children's programs will be starting this week with Storytime on Friday @ 10:30am. Join us for songs and stories for special Friday morning time. Need more information about any of our programs? Call us at 519-925-2168, or email children@shelburnelibrary.ca.

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- The stolen sisters by Louise Jensen
- Christmas at the Island Hotel by Jenny Colgan
- The wicked hour by Alice Blanchard
- November rain by Maureen Jennings

- Cry baby by Mark Billingham
- When she was good by Michael Robotham
- How to raise an elephant by Alexander McCall Smith
- Dark tides by Philippa Gregory
- In the lion's den by Barbara Taylor Bradford
- Five little Indians by Michelle Good
- Non fiction:
- The Atkins 100 eating solution by Colette Heimowitz
- What color is your parachute? 2021 by Richard N. Bolles
- The how not to diet cookbook by Michael Greger
- A place for everything by Judith Flanders
- We the north by Doug Smith

Local Council to investigate available land for churches

Written By Peter Richardson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Council and the Town, has received a number of inquiries from religious organizations as to the availability of land in Shelburne for the use of churches.

Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson brought up these requests to Council on Monday night, asking if there was available land in the industrial or commercial zones for these organizations to utilize.

The question was then addresses by the Town Planner, Steve Wever. Mr. Wever noted that places of worship must be located in either Residential or Institutional zoning only and that currently, no available land is being offered for sale, to his knowledge. He did say that there is presently undeveloped land zoned for institutional use, owned by the Arch Dioceses and surrounded by the Summerhill Subdivision, on Highway 10.

Mr. Wever also noted that there's land surrounding Centennial Hylands school, owned by the Upper Grand School Board, but that to his knowledge neither site is currently for sale. Speaking to the question of Industrial land use, Steve noted that under the Ministry of the Environments Land Use Compatibility Guidelines, a church is considered a sensitive land use and consequently limits the potential use of surrounding lands.

As a result, he has tried to steer that use away from Industrial Zones so as to maximize the potential of those lands for industrial or commercial ventures.

Councillor Benotto spoke up to say that he believes that the Arch Diocese has plans for their land and will move forward with those shortly.

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- 52. Slow, in music
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- 57. Eventually
- 59. Bugs
- 63. Antelope
- 65. "Swan Lake" costume
- 66. Emerald
- 67. Scanty
- 68. Indian abode
- 70. Cassowary's cousin
- 71. Rectangular pier
- 72. Kill, as a dragon
- 75. Besmirch
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- 78. Sty dwellers
- 80. Low voices
- 84. Hold in a condensed coating

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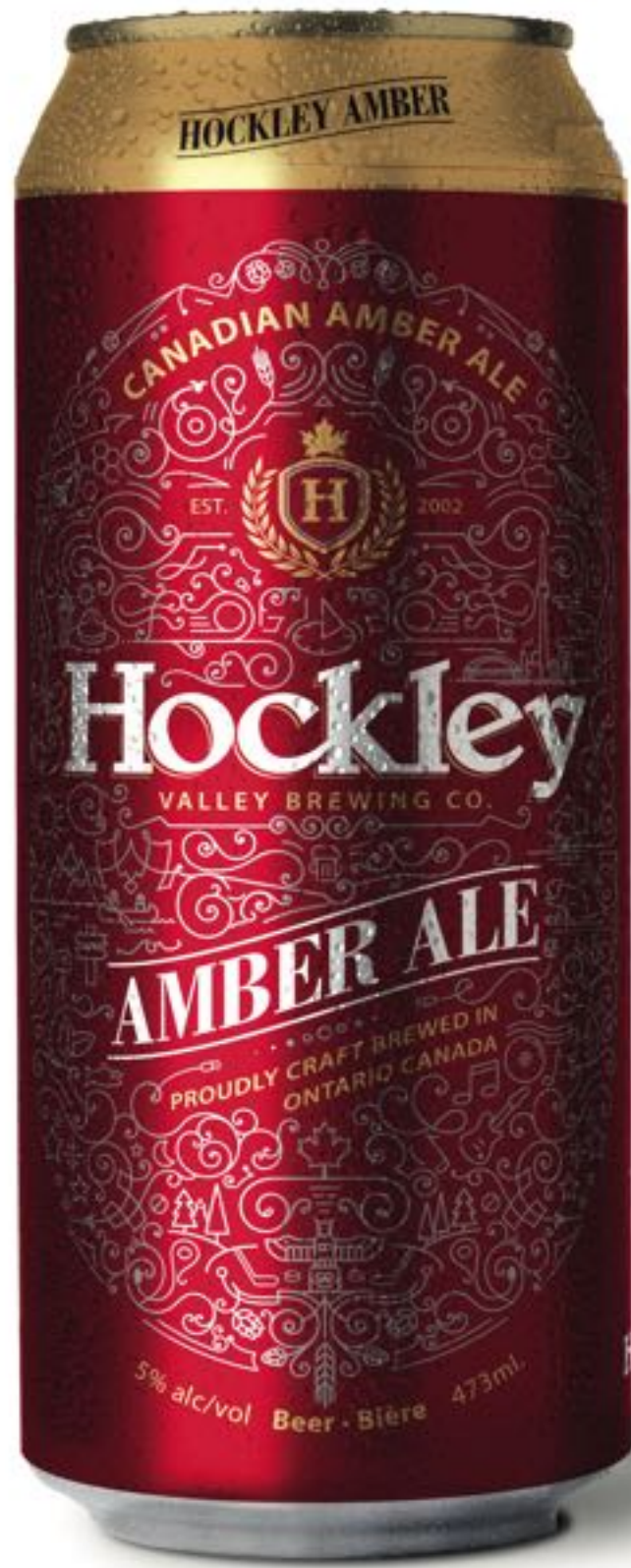
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Shelburne Police Service will transition to OPP on February 18

Written By Brian Lockhart

It will be an historic day in the Town of Shelburne when the members of the Shelburne Police Service answer the roll call for the last time after 142 years of serving the community as a police unit.

The original Shelburne Police Department was formed in 1879.

Shelburne Town Council voted unanimously on Jul. 15 in favour of disbanding the Service and bringing in the Ontario Provincial Police to take over policing duties in the community.

The move to disband the Service is coming strictly from a financial standpoint and has nothing to do with a lack of confidence in the police by either the Town Council or Town residents.

"Our ability to continue with a municipal police force is just no longer financially sustainable," said Shelburne Mayor, Wade Mills, back in July. "If we lack the courage to make the difficult and responsible decision that is required now, then what we are doing is effectively delaying the inevitable and we are allowing the Shelburne Police Service,

an institution with over 100 years of proud service, to suffer a slow and painful demise. I'm not prepared to allow that to happen. The institution itself deserves better than this and more importantly our officers deserve better than this."

Councillor, Kyle Fegan, agreed saying the financial aspect of keeping the force just isn't in the cards.

"It's been mentioned before and is worth noting again, we don't have a policing issue," Fegan said after the vote. "I just don't see a financially responsible way where the police force will be sustainable going forward, even in the near future."

Town of Shelburne CAO, Denyse Morrissey, said "The confirmed date for the O.P.P. transition is February 18, at noon."

As for officers currently with the Shelburne Service and seeking employment with the OPP, Ms. Morrissey said "The hiring process of the OPP [to] determine which officers with Shelburne Police Services (who applied to the OPP) will be hired by the OPP is still in process."

While the members of the Shelburne Service were initially understandably dismayed



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

TIMES OF CHANGE: The Shelburne Police sign will be removed from their building at Town Hall once community policing is taken over by the Ontario Provincial Police on February 18.

that their long standing force would be disbanded, most seem to have a positive attitude about moving forward.

"This is a bittersweet time for everyone here," said Cst. Jennifer Roach, president of the Shelburne Police Association. "We have all loved our time with the Shelburne Police Service and we are sad to see 142 years of tradition and history come to an end. The process has been stressful on everyone involved. It has been two years of the unknown, followed by a rigorous application process with the OPP. At this time no one is aware of whether they have been successful or not, so there is an air of nervous anticipation and excitement."

"We all hope that we will be able to continue to serve this community that we love, post disbandment. Every day we are blown away by the love and support that this community has shown us. I have said it previously, but it needs to be said again. In a time where it is especially easy to show negativity toward the police, Shelburne has done the exact opposite," she added.

"The supportive comments on social media, the waves and smiles, kids asking to have their pictures taken with us and so many more acts of kindness mean more to us than we can ever express."

When considering the move to OPP for some officers, Constable Roach said, "Opportunity is never a bad thing. However, when we chose to serve the Town of Shelburne as police officers we did so knowing that there was not the broad range of opportunity that is available in a larger service. This was something that we were all willing to sacrifice as there are benefits to policing in a small community that aren't as tangible as the opportunities in a large service." Constable Jeff McLean expressed optimism for Shelburne officers who have the opportunity to join the OPP.

"The general consensus for the officers within the Shelburne Police Service, now that the changeover to OPP is imminent, is that we're excited for the opportunities on

the horizon, which are present within the organization," Constable McLean said.

"Within the OPP, there is room for further career growth, due mainly to the size of the organization. For me, personally, I'm sad to see this chapter close as both an officer and a resident of the Town but I'm looking forward to continuing to serve our community with OPP."

With many years of being a police officer still ahead of him, Officer McLean said the move to a larger Police Service would likely present new possibilities and challenges in his career.

"I, personally, see the vast opportunities as a positive for my career development," he explained. "That said, the Shelburne Police Service has been a large part of my life, both before becoming an officer, and after. I am extremely thankful to Chief Moore, Sgt. Bennett, retired Sgt. Kerr and the Town of Shelburne for providing me with the opportunity to Police this great community."

"I see this transition as closing a major chapter on my life, and now [I] am focused on having the next chapter be full of personal growth and opportunities. Those who have served the Shelburne Police Service should be proud of everything that we have accomplished in our long history," McLean added.

Originally the plan was to keep the Shelburne Police Service intact and operating. However a decision by Orangeville Town Council to disband the Orangeville Police Service and replace it with OPP had a ripple effect on Shelburne that would have meant higher costs for operating the service as well as a change in the dynamics of cooperation between the two towns and policing in the region.

It has not yet been announced how many of the current Shelburne Police officers have been hired by the OPP to continue duties in the region. Current Shelburne Police Chief, Kent Moore, has confirmed he will be retiring once the OPP take over policing duties in the town.

Dufferin woman wins \$250,000

Kim Iten of Orangeville is celebrating after winning a \$250,000 top prize with INSTANT TURBO (Game #2198).

"I bought three INSTANT TURBO tickets and I won small amounts on the first two, so I didn't think I would win so much on the third one," shared Kim, while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up her winnings.

Kim discovered her win while out with her friend. "I was in shock! I started ugly crying," she laughed.

The 59-year-old car-manufacturing worker called her sister right away to tell her the news. "She was so happy for me!"

Kim plans to save her money for retire-

ment. "This win feels great! Now we can retire comfortably," Kim smiled.

In accordance with government-issued lockdown measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, OLG is currently limiting the number of in-person prize claim appointments at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to only those that require a face-to-face interview. Customers with prizes over \$50,000 are asked to call 1-800-387-0098 to discuss available prize claim options. Prize claims up to \$49,999.90 should continue to be submitted by mail.

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BIA proposes changes to downtown Shelburne parking

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne BIA is hoping to modify the way people park in its downtown core. With limited parking available in the downtown business area in Shelburne, the local BIA is hoping to modify the existing situation to allow business customers to have easier access to storefronts and other businesses on the main street.

The BIA executive had a zoom meeting with the Town of Shelburne to discuss parking issues on Main Street and other side streets in the area.

Downtown businesses would like to keep parking spaces in front of their stores available for customers who shop there and most likely will be parked for a short period of time as they enter nearby stores.

A major concern comes from the fact that employees of local businesses park their cars on Main Street and Owen Sound Street, taking up spaces intended for customers.

“With so many businesses customers complaining about the lack of parking spaces we are trying our best to help make our downtown more accessible,” BIA executive said in a statement. “That being said we cannot stress enough that employees



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

DOWNTOWN PARKING: The Shelburne Business Improvement Association (BIA) executive are hoping to modify the way people are parking in the downtown core. The BIA would like to make sure there is plenty of access for visitors in the main business district including parking on Main Street and nearby public parking lots.

of the businesses downtown should not be parking along the streets along Main St or Owen Sound St, even if you are moving your vehicle every three hours.”

The statement noted that Shelburne By-Law officers will be keeping an eye on vehicles parked in those areas and will be issuing tickets to vehicles that are parked

longer than the allowed three hours.

Currently, street parking is restricted to three-hour slots on any given day.

The proposal includes eliminating parking passes at the William St. parking lot, just north of Main St., and allowing four-hour free parking for the public accessing local businesses with no overnight parking allowed.

This includes a plan to add two additional accessible parking spaces at that lot. The parking lot on Wellington Street will remain as free all-day parking with overnight permits available for purchase for residential tenants in the area.

The parking lot on Victoria Street, at Town Hall, will remain open for free all-day parking with no overnight parking allowed.

With local businesses already under the current restrictions, the BIA wants to encourage residents to shop local.

Providing easy access to Main Street stores and business will encourage more people to make the effort to visit and shop in the downtown core.

The BIA plans to follow up with a presentation to Shelburne Council at their meeting on January 25.

Mayor Mills reflects on Shelburne’s steps towards diversity

Written By Peter Richardson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police has been a watershed moment throughout North America, leading to millions of people protesting racial injustice worldwide.

Despite not being the first time a black man has died at the hands of law enforcement, that incident became a tipping point for a lot of people.

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills noted, the struggle has been ongoing for 400 years and he expects that it isn't going to be solved here overnight.

However, because of the rapidly changing demographics in Shelburne presently, he feels that the Town has a role to play and that leaders here have a responsibility to step up and lead every member of the community, not just those who have lived locally for generations.

When he gave his acceptance speech at the swearing in ceremonies for Council, Wade said that Shelburne had to become home for all residents regardless of their history here.

He went on to say how proud he is of what has been done, through the Anti-Racism Task Force, saying that Shelburne has been ahead of the charge for many municipalities, even some of the larger urban centres in the Province.

Mayor Mills mentioned that there were a number of pretty uncomfortable conversations about these issues, but ultimately they're necessary to move forward and grow.

He says you have to try to understand everyone's perspectives on these issues.

What the Anti Racism Task Force discussions brought to light for Wade was that despite the changing demographic in Shelburne's population, there was and still is a degree of racism here, locally.



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Mayor Wade Mills pictured above

He says while it isn't seen at the governance or Town administration level, it's present local in grocery stores or other businesses, out in the schoolyards, making a significant impact on those affected.

One of the biggest points of contention in Mayor Mills political career has been the policing issue in Shelburne. It started when he was a Councillor and has culminated during his two years as Mayor.

To say it was contentious would be an understatement, but it has also been eye opening, both in the process and in the result.

It began with the Police Services Board coming to Council with a demand for a new \$8 million building, which in turn triggered the first OPP costing, which was eventually turned down in the summer of 2019.

In December of 2019, Orangeville Council voted to accept their costing and transition to having the OPP police the town. Once this happened it was revealed that Shelburne depended on certain Orangeville Police Service resources and services. Something that was unknown to the Councils of either town, so Shelburne unanimously asked for a second costing, which was accepted unanimously in early summer, when they decided to transition.

Due to training restrictions, the actual transition will not take place until February of 2021. Currently, Council is awaiting approval from the OCPC, but there are no indications of any problems on that front.

In the end, everyone appears to be happy with the end results, including the officers and the Council.

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Shelburne Council looks at street names for new subdivision

Written By Peter Richardson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The municipality's Town Planner, Steve Wever presented a report to Council regarding the proposed street names in the Fieldgate Development on the eastern edge of town.

Shelburne's Street naming and Addressing Policy, #2018-14 establishes a uniform and logical street naming system for new streets in town and assists with naming streets in a way that recognizes and promotes the heritage and identity of Shelburne, as well as emergency or safety considerations and significant contributions by organizations or individuals.

The policy provides for street names in a development to be based upon a particular theme and that all names be consistent with that theme.

The Fieldgate theme is natural heritage and the names are to reflect local flora and fauna found surrounding woodlots and wetlands. However, the company had one special request for a street name – Leanne Lane, which was significant to the company. The name reflects that of the late wife of the architect who designed the homes in the subdivision.

The street naming policy also provides direction for names to reflect a sense of continuity and belonging, long standing local area identification and/or recognition, or to celebrate local history, places, events or culture, so Council directed Town staff to work

with Fieldgate to create inclusive street names, acknowledging the region's Black and Indigenous community history.

Several indigenous names were offered for inclusion and as a result, Fieldgate revised their original proposal to include, Anishnaabe Drive, Ojibway Road, Potawatomi Crescent, White Oak Avenue, Red Elm Road, Black Cherry Crescent, Hemlock Place, Leanne Lane, Trillium Court, Chippewa Avenue and Limestone Lane.

The report noted that street names, which advertise the developer, are not allowed, but this wasn't an issue for Fieldgate's special request of Leanne Lane. It went on to say that no objections had been received from any of the organizations approached to review the names, including the County, Canada Post and various indigenous groups.

The Town is proposing to name the park in the subdivision, now being marketed as Emerald Crossing, after William and Mary Ghant, two prominent early Black settlers to Dufferin County.

Council approved the names suggested.

In other news, Councillor Benotto brought up the issue of the sidewalks in Shelburne being icy and difficult to walk on, especially up near the Arena, where he walks frequently. He asked if Public Works was planning to sand them soon and if there was a problem. Director Jim Moss responded, saying that during the holidays, there had been some equipment failures regarding sidewalk maintenance and that currently only one machine was operational.

He added that first thing Tuesday (Jan. 19), he would send a crew up to evaluate the situation and deal with it as best as possible.

Meanwhile, Council approved a motion by Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, in his ongoing crusade for inclusivity and diversity within the Town, to establish a Diversity and Inclusion Committee, as per the recommendations of the Anti Racism Task Force.

This committee would consist of eight to 10 community members plus two or three councillors and was fashioned after the similar Dufferin County Committee.

The community members on the new committee would be selected, perhaps by application, and the three councillors would guide them in their deliberations, again similar to the County template.

Finally, two new nominations were put forward by Deputy Mayor Anderson for the Community Excellence Awards.

Mike Mackely was nominated for his many years of dedicated community service, along with Mr. Yehya Soliman for his services to the community. These awards along with the others will be presented virtually later in the year.



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RECORD BREAKER: The Shelburne's Christmas Hamper program provided assistance to 141 families this year through donations of food and toys. This was the largest number of people helped in the program's history. Several local service groups and organizations along with many individuals made the program a success.

Christmas Hamper Program helped 141 families this year

Written By Peter Richardson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Shelburne Christmas Hamper program faced more challenges than usual this year during their annual effort, but they adapted to the times and managed to successfully complete the mission.

The program provides food for deserving local families as well as toys for children who might otherwise not have received a gift under the tree on Christmas morning.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne, Kinette Club of Shelburne, Shelburne & District Lions Club, Masons's Lorne Lodge, 11 local churches, the Town of Shelburne, Dufferin Community Foundation, Shelburne Police Service, Dufferin Mutual Insurance and many local individuals contributed much needed funds for the hampers.

Volunteers worked tirelessly to purchase and collect the food items that were placed in the Christmas hampers. Because the service clubs that organize the program had so many donations this year, they started running out of storage space.

Rotarian, Michael Conte, allowed a significant portion of his house to be used to store much of the food items.

Due to physical distancing restrictions this year, they needed more than one location to store all the items they had collected.

The pews at the Shelburne United Church were filled with hundreds of toys that were collected and had to be sorted by appropriate age group and gender.

The annual program has been running locally for about 50 years.

"It started out as a service club program in Shelburne," explained Rotarian and chair of the Hamper Committee, Bobbi Ferguson.

"We all played a role in this and I asked a lot of Rotarians to help. The Kinsmen and the Lions Club also play a role. We started working on this in September, getting sponsors and asking people if they can donate."

There were several stations around Town where people could drop off donations.

Several local farms and businesses also stepped up to help and made sizable food donations.

"When I first started doing this we helped

80 families each year," Ms. Ferguson explained. "It jumped to 105 families last year. This year we helped 141 families. A lot of that has to do with the fact that Shelburne is a growing town."

The hamper program is truly a "town effort," according to Ms. Ferguson and so many different local people and organizations step up to make it possible each year.

For example, Downey Potato Farms donated 150 bags of potatoes, while Lennox Farms donated 150 bags of carrots, cabbages, and oranges. Many toys were also donated to the hamper program, however this year, due to COVID-19, many people gave cash donations and Rotarians went out to buy the toys.

"For the toys we had a team over at the church," Ms. Ferguson said. "We allowed two moms in at a time to select different toys. We work in partnership with the Food Bank," she explained of how they find deserving families. "We had phenomenal generosity this year. Everyone one said 'yes, how can I help?'"

The Hamper Program helped many families have a nice Christmas during difficult times.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- 1) **Application for Consent B20/05** – Montgomery Homes Inc. has submitted an application for consent for a property located at the east end of Main Street East. The subject property is legally described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 2, Part 1 of Plan 7R-1552 and Part 1 of Plan 7R-350. The property has an existing total area of approximately 0.28 hectare with 52.8 metres of frontage on Main Street East (Highway 89). The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of 1,406 square metres to create a new residential lot on the subject land for a new single detached dwelling. The retained land will have an area of 1,375 square metres and is also intended to be used for a new single detached dwelling.
- 2) **Application for Consent B20/06** – David and Kelly Montgomery have submitted an application for consent for a property located at 302 First Avenue East. The subject property is legally described as All of Lot 1, Part of Lot 2, Block 28, Plan 12A. The property has an existing total area of approximately 923 square metres with 20.35 metres on First Avenue East and 45.36 metres of flankage on James Street North. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of 345 square metres to create a new residential lot for a single detached dwelling on the subject land. The retained land will have an area of 578 square metres and is used for an existing single detached dwelling. The applicant has also submitted an application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Z20/03) concurrent with this application.
- 3) **Application for Minor Variance A21/01** – A representative for Reynal Menzies, owner of the property located at 885 O'Reilly Crescent, has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Section 5.68 of Zoning By-law 38-2007 in order to construct a converted dwelling with a second dwelling unit in the cellar of the existing single detached dwelling. The application is seeking relief from the regulation which states that a dwelling unit shall not be located in the cellar of a dwelling.

Maps showing the locations of the subject properties are provided below.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jjwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than February 4, 2021. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrqPbe2EVxh-w>.

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Predeceased by his siblings Joan, Molly, Bill, and Gord. Charlie will also be greatly missed by his brother George, his nephews and his many friends.

In keeping with Charlie's wishes there will be no service. Memorial donations to the Arthritis Society would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Charlie in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The next annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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Mayor Wade Mills: Following in his father's footsteps

Written By Peter Richardson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While one could say Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills was following in his father's footsteps, the truth is that it was Wade who first got the political bug and perhaps gave it to his Dad.

Wade's first interests in politics came when he was in grade 6, when Jean Chrétien was on the political rise.

Before life in Shelburne however, Wade started life, literally in the Old Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie Ontario. At that time, Wade's parents lived in Alliston, with he and his older brother Dean.

When Wade turned ten years old, his parents bought a farm in Mulmur and he became a local to Shelburne. That was 1993.

Wade's father had always sold cattle overseas and so the farm was a natural progression in his professional career, which alleviated the need for him to use various other locations to house the cattle and prepare them for overseas delivery.

Wade went to public school at Centennial Hylands and Centre Dufferin schools, before graduating from high school at Centre Dufferin District High School in 2001.

He later went to Brock University, where his first day of class was on Sept. 11, 2001, when America's twin towers were struck by a terrorist attack.

He did three years at Brock before going to Dalhousie University in Halifax for his Law degree in 2004. Wade then articulated in St Catharines and was called to the bar in January 2009. In 2010, he moved back to Shelburne and bought John Timmermans half of the law practice, which he still holds today.

Wade was always active in the community, coaching minor ball hockey and being on both the fair board and the economic development committee prior to running for council in 2014.

Meanwhile, Wade's Dad had run for Shelburne Council in 2003 and was elected to serve till 2006, at which time the Province changed the terms to four years from three.

He ran again in 2006, but this time as mayor and won by a single vote. However, after the recount, he lost by a single vote.

Nevertheless he ran again in 2010 and beat his opponent by some 60 per cent. He served, until 2018, and was Warden of the County in his last year, 2018. Meanwhile, son Wade campaigned for a seat on Shelburne Council in 2014 and was elected.

Wade continued with his community involvement, being on numerous committees and boards, including the Economic Development Committee, the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, the Business Improvement Association, and the Fire Board.

In 2018, Wade decided to run for Mayor. It was a contentious time in Shelburne, with the first OPP costing underway and the potential sale of Fiddle Park being debated. It was definitely time for some changes and Wade was in the middle of it all.

Likewise, both issues weighed heavily on then mayor, Ken Bennington and ultimately likely had a profound affect on his decision not to seek a second term.

With the future uncertain, at the time, Wade felt that Shelburne was at a bit of a crossroads and that the road the Town chose to pursue was pivotal.

He had ideas as to where the Town should go and he subsequently threw his hat into the ring to run for Mayor.

Those he sought out for advice all felt that



TALKING POLITICS: Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills shares a smile from his office after reflecting back on his pathway into municipal politics.

there were going to be opportunities in the ensuing four years for Shelburne and that if they were not seized, those doors would close.

Things were falling into place for him to make the move. His law practice was established, his wife was supportive and their new son, born in 2017, was old enough to settle into the political time constraints that would face a mayor.

One thing he did not expect was to win by acclamation. He had assumed that someone would pick up the gauntlet, so to speak and run against him. It was not to be.

Come election night, waiting for results he found himself waiting to see who he would be working with in the coming four years. The election results were dramatic, in that Council had changed very little in the previous years, but now all but two, himself and Walter Benotto, remained. Even Deputy Mayor Anderson had not previously been elected, but rather appointed following the sudden death of Councillor Tom Egan ten months prior.

Like many Council members, Wade had at first supported the sale of Fiddle Park. Financially, it was a strong plus for the Town coffers and made tremendous fiscal sense.

Unfortunately, the majority of the negotiations were carried out "in-camera" and so they were not made public, but ultimately the strong public disapproval and the makeup of the final deal soured it in Wade's eyes.

At the time of walking away from the sale, Wade and several others opined publicly that now that the residents had expressed such strong feelings and placed such a high value on the land as a park, that they would now come forth and use the area.

Unfortunately, with the exception of two groups, this has not generally been the case. That has become a driving force behind Council wanting to develop a Park Master Plan for Fiddle Park.

Although it has been delayed in 2020 due to the pandemic, the Master Plan is on the agenda for 2021. All of the Town's parks will be looked at as for what they currently have and what potentially could go there.

An example is KTH Park, which will become the home for Shelburne's new tennis

and pickle ball court, as well as the proposed Cricket Pitch. The latter will be shared by the baseball diamond in the beginning, but a regulation pitch can fit in the park.

In terms of capital expenses, Shelburne is facing many and the Mayor as well as Town Council are hard pressed to grapple with them, while maintaining a responsible tax increase.

One of Wade's primary objectives when he became Mayor was to invest strategically in infrastructure. An important item is the resurfacing of the connecting links in town. Those being, Main Street and Owen Sound Street, which are in actuality, Highway 89 and Highway 10. For a number of years Shelburne had not received any provincial Connecting Link Grants, however in 2019 they did receive a grant and have made another strong application in the current year.

In the intervening years, the town, in an effort to keep ahead of the deterioration that occurs, has done maintenance and resurfacing efforts. To Wade, this is simply preventive maintenance to avoid reaching a stage where the costs become prohibitive and require large-scale borrowing to achieve results.

Along those same lines Council created a separate water main reserve in 2019 to enable the town to maintain and repair aging water mains. They are looking at doing water main upgrades to minimize repairs.

Perhaps the biggest issue now is the sewage treatment plant. Currently it is running at about capacity and if future development is expected, changes must be made.

The engineering and environmental studies are virtually complete at the moment and a final decision as to which option to choose should be made in 2021.

Reports from the engineers indicate that even a maintenance of the status quo will cost a considerable amount of money

Wade favours an upgrade and expansion option, which will bring capacity up to where it will meet the needs of the community.

He said the majority of Council also favours this line of thinking.

As well, in 2021 they hope to finish an arsenic remediation project on Well #3, which will assist the Town water supply positively.

The SCADA control panel for the wells and

treatment plant will be upgraded this year as well, so that now all systems will be controlled by the same system across the board.

In the west end, the existing wells, #7 and #8 have sufficient capacity for any future development needs, however they will have to have do pump upgrades to accomplish this.

Originally, Wade said smaller cost effective pumps were installed, which were adequate for the Town's needs at that time, but are inadequate for increased demand.

A pumping station and new sewage lines would also have to be installed in order to accommodate waste water on any development on the north side of Highway. 89. These lines would run down to the main trunk lines and they go into the treatment plant.

Good news for residential taxpayers is the growing commercial development coming to both ends of Town. Wade was pleased to see Fieldgate's Phase One plan for the east end development and was eager to point out that things are progressing well.

The highway improvements have been completed and Council has seen the plans for the first commercial stage, which will include a new Foodland Grocery Store.

There will be a second phase on the east side of the new entrance later on and on the south side of Hwy. 89, east of the No Frills parking lot Loblaws owns more land, which is slated for development too. In the west end there is the property where the new Tim Horton's is going, which will also house additional commercial outlets.

In closing, Wade discussed the upcoming tax increase for residents and why annual tax increases are not only inevitable, but necessary to run an efficient and balanced municipal government.

Taxes need to rise by the annual rate of inflation just to maintain the status quo. Then if you want something extra, you have to turn to the tax base, or go into debt. The cost of maintaining the basic services to a community goes up annually by the rate of inflation, that is a given.

Municipalities are not allowed by law, to run a deficit budget, it must be balanced; therefore taxes have to rise to meet that cost increase. Running zero tax increases does no one any favours. Eventually the pigeons come home to roost and the piper has to be paid, only when there isn't enough to pay him, the tax increase will be many times higher to make up the slack.

If the municipality does not keep up with inflation, Wade says in order to be responsible you have to go back to the community and ask which services they currently enjoy and which ones are they willing to give up.

Conversely, if you have to keep up with inflation to maintain the status quo, but you want to add services or amenities, you have to look at tax increases. Basically, because of the no deficit rule, a municipal government looks at expenses, revenue and the shortfall, and there always is one, which must be made up through tax increases.

It is not conservatively fiscally responsible to maintain low taxes; it is in fact fiscally irresponsible in the extreme long-terms. Not having enough income to match your expenses is simply not a sustainable model. Everything has a cost and that cost has to be paid somehow and by someone. In the case of a municipality, that someone is almost always the taxpayer.

Wade says he's dedicated to sound fiscal management and strengthening the economy in Shelburne - preparing it for the future.

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Area businesses team up with Headwaters to raise funds for cardiac care

Written By Alyssa Parkhill

Each year at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC), an average of 14,000 residents seek medical assistance due to cardiac concerns at the hospital.

For the second year in a row, Headwaters is hosting the Have a Heart for Headwaters Initiative to raise funds to help cardiac care at the hospital.

"We need the tools and equipment to stabilize these patients before they are either transferred to a partnering hospital for specialized care or being discharged home," said Kendra Mantler, Coordinator, Community and Corporate Engagement, at Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

Unfortunately, the hospital doesn't receive government funding to be able to purchase the necessary equipment needed, hence the need of community support coming into play.

"Last year, this initiative let us purchase a Cardiac Telemetry Pack at Headwaters. This piece of equipment monitors your heart to watch the pattern of your heartbeat, find any problems you may have with your heartbeat and to see how any medications are working," explained Mantler.

In order for this initiative to be successful, local businesses in the area have come forward to collaborate with the hospital to help raise the necessary funds.

Auntie Joy's Spring Rolls and Catering Services has partnered with Headwaters for the initiative offering 10 per cent of orders over \$10 will be donated until January 31. Though the initiative begins in February, Auntie Joy wanted to kick off a little bit earlier.

"When Headwaters reached out to me to see if I could help with the fundraising drive, I was eager to assist," said Joy Bradley, also known as Auntie Joy.

"I love the Headwaters Health Care Centre. The people are so helpful and friendly, and I have never had to wait for too long anytime I've been there."

"It is such an honour to have them serving our community," she said.

Fortunately, Auntie Joy's Spring Rolls and Catering Services has been able to stay afloat amid the pandemic, which gave Auntie Joy the push to be able to give back.

"Since my business hasn't suffered too bad

from the COVID-19 virus, I felt obligated to help because I know a lot of previous donors that won't be able to afford to help at this time," said Auntie Joy. "It's my pleasure to help in this small way."

Headwaters is looking to gather the help of the community to raise \$25,000 to support Cardiac Care at Headwaters in the month of February.

"There are multiple local businesses who are supporting us during this initiative," said Mantler.

In the month of February, a list of businesses will be supporting the initiative including The Kitchen at Mono Mills, The Weathervane, Shop with Purpose Market and the Nifty Nook.

For more information, please visit hcc-foundation.com or order from Auntie Joy's Spring Rolls and Catering Services at auntie-joyspringrolls.com or call (519) 942-8802.



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COVID CLAIMS ANOTHER LIFE: Joanne Patricia Halbert (Coutts), wife of predeceased husband Murray Halbert, former Shelburne Mayor, passed away peacefully Jan. 3, from COVID-19. Joanne moved to Aurora in 2010 to be closer to her daughter and worked as a registered nurse, later teaching and working in public health. She was heavily involved in the Shelburne community and is remembered for her passion towards music, optimism, positive outlook, and fun-loving spirit that she maintained right up until her final days, says daughter, Janine Elliot. Her husband of 57 years, Murray Halbert, served two terms as mayor of Shelburne and owned Halbert Shoes in Shelburne for 36 years.

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