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SHIRT CHANGE INCOMING: The Shelburne Police Service (SPS) shared some smiles for their final group picture, which was taken prior to COVID-19. The top row, from left to right features Constable Catlin Conner, Rob Button, Ryan Hubbert, Cory Courtney, Dennis Jeronimo, Andrew fines, Bob fudge, Carey Widbur, Jeff McLean, Cody Lamacchia and the bottom row, from left to right, features Renee Pike, Constable Jennifer Roach, Sergeant Mark Bennett, Chief Kent Moore, Sergeant Paul Neumann, Special Constable Dave Kerr, Karen McLean. The SPS will disband and transition to OPP on Feb. 18.

SPS address enforcement of stay-at-home order

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Police Services (SPS) has revealed how they plan to enforce the Province's new emergency declaration and stay-at-home order – ensuring officers won't be conducting random vehicle or individual stops to check compliance.

In a press release given last Thursday (Jan. 14), media relations officer Sgt. Paul Neumann said the local force's initiatives for enforcing the order will be both "complaint-driven and proactive, with the goal of gaining compliance."

"Those that refuse to comply will receive the appropriate penalty," wrote Neumann in the press release. "Enforcement will be aimed at those individuals who overtly put others in danger in our community."

The new stay-at-home order, which went into effect on Jan. 14, requires individuals to remain in their place of residence at all

times unless leaving for an essential purpose such as the grocery store, pharmacy, accessing health-care services, exercising or essential work.

Shelburne Police say that over the past few months the vast majority of cases, where they've received a complaint or responded to a call where individuals are in violation, have willingly complied after being educated.

"We expect this to remain the same moving forward and we thank those citizens who are doing their part," said Neumann.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), while requesting Ontarians to "voluntarily comply" with the new order, also announced through a press release on Jan. 15 how they plan to enforce compliance.

The OPP said officers will be enforcing the order by focusing on non-compliance in businesses and restaurants, complaints from the public and outdoor gatherings of more than five people.

"In the absence of a complaint or other ground, officers will not arbitrarily stop an individual or a vehicle or enter a dwelling for the singular purpose of checking compliance with the order. Individuals are not expected to provide proof of essential work. Officers can ask an individual to identify themselves if they have reasonable grounds to believe the individual is violating an Act," noted Neumann.

SPS and OPP officers will be enforcing the stay-at-home order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA), and the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA); dispersing tickets to individuals found non-compliant. Fines for failing to comply with the order include \$750 and/or \$1000 for preventing others (including individuals, employees or other workers) from following the order. Maximum fines for individuals are up to \$100,000 and \$10 million for corporation. Failure to follow the order can result in prosecution or jail time.

WDGPH vaccine distribution to see delays from paused production lines

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's (WDGPH) roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine will be seeing impacts with pause in production lines at Pfizer's facility.

WDGPH announced on Monday (Jan. 18) that they would be making changes to their vaccine program in response to the recent announcement from Pfizer that some pro-

duction lines at their facility in Belgium are working to increase their overall capacity.

Public Health, in a press release, said that the pausing in production will be felt in Ontario and affect deliveries to Guelph for a short period.

WDG Public Health will be continuing to move forward with the vaccine supply that they have on hand, but will be making changes to the vaccination clinic; with re-scheduling of appointments unavoidable.

Those who will be affected by the pause will be contacted directly.

Residents, staff, and essential caregivers in long term care and retirement homes will continue to be prioritized for vaccinations. Individuals who have already received the vaccine will be able to get their second does, although for some it will be delayed.

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Rural students facing internet problems with virtual learning

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) students will soon be returning to classroom based learning following their second round of virtual, remote classes. While the change to virtual learning for some students living within town hasn't been a large issue, those who live in rural areas are facing problems due to poor internet connection.

Shelley Madensky, a resident of Mulmur, has three daughters who are currently working on classes virtually and says that no matter what they each do with their "not great" internet connection, they're consistently bumping each other out of work.

"We're finding that they'll get their day started and everything is fine, but as they start doing more throughout the day on the internet, back and forth and sometimes on the phone for Google answers, they're just kicking each other off," said Madensky.

Madensky's daughter Saige, who is in Grade 11, says she's had the Wi-Fi cut out while she's doing school work, which results in her being signed out, it then becomes a struggle to get back online.

To alleviate some of their problems, Madensky has switched her youngest daughter Jaycee, who is in Grade 7, to worksheets to allow for her two daughters in high school to be on the internet.

"I find for the high school kids it's more important to have the internet, they need to

be on it more," said Madensky. "Her teacher prepares all the sheet for me and every Thursday I go and pick up all her worksheets."

Heather Loney, Communication and Community Engagement Officer for UGDSB, told the Free Press in an email that the Upper Grand was aware of areas within the board that have poor internet connectivity, some more than others, including areas in Dufferin County.

"Even in areas with good internet coverage, some families are struggling with the challenge of multiple people learning or working at home, drawing on the same resources (bandwidth, devices etc.)," said Loney.

Similar to their response last spring the UGDSB has provided students and families with Chromebooks and other devices, internet support, as well as printed packages and asynchronous learning options.

"Families with internet capacity issues have an option to increase their data plan or use their phone as hotspots and the board provided funding to offset the costs – families can contact their school principal for more information."

While students will be returning to in-class learning by Monday (Jan. 25) Madensky reflecting back on their experience with remote learning by saying they're "making it through."

Online learning for all schools in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph has been extended until at least February 1st.

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WDGPH vaccine roll out delayed

Public Health said that the delay in the second dose will not affect individuals developing immunity to the second dose.

"Everyone wants to see vaccines arrive as quickly as possible to the region," said Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health. "This delay is only temporary and will allow the manufacturer the ability

to provide increased vaccine to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph in the coming weeks. As an agency, our commitment remains, vaccinating as many people as quickly as possible according to the provincial schedule."

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine visit www.wdgppublichealth.ca/vaccine.

Correction

In last week's edition of the Shelburne Free Press, an article that ran on Page 11 titled "Mayor Wade Mills – following in his father's footsteps, incorrectly stated that

Wade Mills father ran and was elected to Shelburne Council. He was instead, elected to Mulmur Council. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Shelburne EDC to release video project featuring local eateries

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER



Shelburne EDC to release video project featuring local eateries

By: Paula Brown
The Shelburne Economic Development Committee (EDC) is continuing to encourage community members to shop locally, with the development of a new video project. The Shelburne EDC, in collaboration with Innovation Guelph, will be creating videos focused on three local eateries – Beyond the Gate, Shannon's Tap + Grill, and the Dufferin Public House - which will showcase the businesses takeout, delivery, and

curbside options. "With the Innovation Guelph videos, what they're learning is that businesses are still open and they're still functioning, albeit differently, but they're still open for business," said Carol Maitland, Economic Development and Marketing Coordinator at the Town of Shelburne. "The idea is to support them

locally so at the end of this pandemic hopefully these businesses will be able to remain open and stay strong."

Maitland added that the project has helped provide free advertising and marketing for business.

Along with the Shelburne EDC, Innovation Guelph announced in a press release on Jan. 13 that they would be partnered with the Orangeville & Area SBEC, as well as the BIAS in Orangeville, Shelburne, and Grand Valley to create videos.

According to Innovation Guelph the video project will promote local take-out dining in Dufferin County that will benefit around 30 independent food service businesses that

average 15 to 20 staff members.

Shelburne EDC has been working on similar projects to promote local businesses and local shopping throughout the pandemic. Recently the committee has filmed 15 other videos with a local artist Tristan Barrocks that featuring a variety of business throughout Shelburne and will be released over the next three months. The committee also continues to work on their #SupporttheBurne project, which breaks down the local impacts of spending \$50 a month at independently owned businesses in the community.

The videos will be released through the Town of Shelburne website as well as on their social media accounts.

County Council requesting changes to conservation authority working group

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County Council is asking the Province to reassess the makeup of the conservation authority working group, launched by the Ontario government following the passing of Bill 229.

During County Council's meeting last Thursday (Jan. 14), Amaranth Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits brought forward a motion requesting that the province reevaluate the working group to allow for equal representation from municipalities and conservation authorities.

"I found yesterday the list of appointees and I was disappointed to see that it's primarily CAOs of conservation authorities, with only one representative out of 18 repre-

senting municipality," said Gerrits. The Conservation Authority Working Group was established by the provincial government following the passing of Bill 229, which received Royal Assent on Dec. 8 and saw controversial changes to Schedule 6 of the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA).

Prior to its passing, conservation authorities and municipalities said the legislation would limit conservation authorities and streamline the development process. Some revision and amendments were made such as allowing conservation authorities to issue stop orders while concerns such as the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry having the ability to make decision on appeals and issuing permits without expertise from conservation authorities.

Gerrits, speaking with the Free Press,

explained his concerns with the majority of appointees on the working group being conservation authorities, with only one representative from municipalities.

"My issue with is that it's supposed to be a working group to sort of advise on proposed changes and the fact is that municipalities are the major source of funding for the Conservation Authority," said Gerrits. "So the recommendations that come out of the working group have the potential to be adopted by the provincial government, with the implication being that any costs associated with improvements or enhancements or any additional scope, which I don't think would happen, but it is possible – have direct impact on those municipalities because they're responsible for those costs."

Discussing the motion, Mulmur Mayor

Janet Horner questioned a change in the wording, to have additional municipal representation rather than equal, noting that she too believes that one municipal representative is not enough.

With 18 members already part of the conservation authority working group, Gerrits did consider how the working could cause a higher number of group members, but chose to continue to the original working of the motion.

With the passing of the motion it will also be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Jeff Yurek, and Hassan Basil, chair of the conservation authority working group.

Grant funding to help offset local roadwork

Written By Peter Richardson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With input from the Town Engineer, Stephen Burnett and Director of Development and Operations Jim Moss, Treasurer Carey Holmes outlined the connecting link grant contract for the East portion of Main Street.

The RFP was closed in November and four bids were received. The winning bid, which includes option 1, of the three options provided, was Coco Paving at \$491,609.

Stephen Burnett outlined to council the total scope of the project and all three options. He explained that when the application was filed, the total scope of the work was not determined.

Once this was accomplished, it was deter-

mined that the curbing along the core area of Main Street did need replacement along with the road resurfacing. Behind the curbing, between it and the sidewalk, was an area of interlocking stone. The decision that needed to be made was as to whether or not this should be replaced, reused, or left alone, hence the aforementioned three options.

The recommendation was that option 1 was the most efficient and practical, replace the interlocking stone and the curbing, along with the resurfacing of the road way.

Some of the old interlocking stone could be saved and reused in the renovations to Jack Downing Park.

In addition, the curbing in front of Town Hall, at the crosswalk, would be extended

out so as to remove one lane of traffic and negate the use to the current barriers to prevent motorists from trying to pass cars waiting for traffic in the crosswalk.

Both the new stone and the lane change are awaiting MTO approval but no issue with that is presently foreseen.

Treasurer Holmes indicated that the extra costs of the new stone, which was a little over \$82,000, could be taken from the Road Construction Reserve, leaving it with a balance of \$293,500.

Once the MTO approvals are received for the optional work, the project should commence as soon as weather permits are available, assumably in early spring of 2021. Council approved the project unanimously.

COVID-19 case numbers

Jan. 15 (Friday)

WDG Region: 47 (New cases), 396 (Active cases), 7 (Hospital).
Dufferin County: 11 (New cases), 46 (Active cases), 0 (Hospital)
Shelburne: 4 (Active cases)

Jan 18 (Monday)

WDG Region: 176 (New cases), 432 (Active cases), 9 (Hospital).
Dufferin County: 25 (New cases), 48 (Active cases), 1 (Hospital)
Shelburne: 2 (Active cases)

Jan 20 (Wednesday)

WDG Region: 33 (New cases), 416 (Active cases), 11 (Hospital).
Dufferin County: 3 (New cases), 39 (Active cases), 2 (Hospital)
Shelburne: 2 (Active cases)

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For the first couple of months everything goes great. He cuts the trees and plants some bushes.

Then one day you come home early from work and are surprised to find your gardener in the house emptying a jar of coins you have collected into his pocket – he's stealing from you.

Or maybe your neighbour comes over one day and tells you that when you leave in the morning, the gardener routinely leaves and spends time cutting the grass at other properties in the neighbourhood where he collects

cash, and also bills you for the time he wasn't at your house.

Either way, he hasn't done the job and has to go.

You give him an envelope with his final pay and tell him he's fired.

But wait a minute. On top of the \$150 you own him, he wants another \$1000 for his trouble.

He produces a contract you signed when you hired him. Unfortunately you assumed it was a standard contract agreeing to pay him a certain amount every week while he was employed by you.

But when you read the fine print, it clearly states, that for if ANY reason you choose not to use his services, you will pay him \$1000 just to get rid of him.

You would probably be pretty angry about having to pay a guy that kind of money for doing nothing, especially after he caused his own problems on the job.

Well, it happens all the time in Ontario and we, the public, are paying for it.

For some reason government bureaucrats are incapable of drawing up a contract that makes any sense, and we the taxpayers are

always on the hook.

It happened again last week.

The doctor who was fired from the Hamilton Health Care Network will receive a payment of over \$1 million – for not doing his job properly. The doctor, who warned people not to travel in his official capacity, hopped on a jet and flew to the Dominican Republic for the holidays.

There was a lot of controversy over this, and deservedly so. And that goes for all the politicians who got caught doing the very same thing.

The St. Josephs Health System says it has to pay him the \$1 million because it fired him 'without cause.'

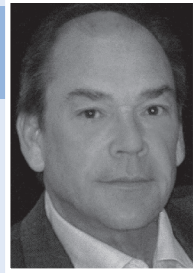
You read that right – WITHOUT cause. If they didn't have a cause, why was he fired?

To make matters worse, this is not the first time he's done something stupid. He had to resign from his position as chief of staff at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital in 2012, after some dirty dealings there as well.

What irks Ontario taxpayers is this only happens with public money – OUR money.

In the private sector if you are fired for incompetence or other bad behaviour, you aren't rewarded for your lacklustre performance.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



This is not the first time this has happened in government related affairs and it won't be the last time.

And it doesn't just happen at the provincial level. Municipal governments offer equally ridiculous contracts as well.

Maybe it's time the governments stopped using lawyers to draw up employment contracts and instead relied on people with some common sense.

I'm pretty sure many local business people, retired people, truck drivers, or a local handyman would be able put together an employment contract based on the job and performance that doesn't require a huge payment of OUR tax dollars when the employee is caught with his pants down.

There is little doubt that after this guy stays quiet for a while, he will again find employment with an outrageous salary, again on our dime.

If he keeps getting government funded jobs and getting fired, he'll retire wealthy before the rest of us even come close after doing a decent job.

'American' Democracy

If I have to read one more hand-wringing article about the 'crisis of American democracy' and what it means for the world, I'm going to retch.

The last straw was an article in the 'New Yorker' this week by Adam Gopnik, an accomplished journalist whom I usually admire. It was called 'What We Get Wrong About America's Crisis of Democracy', and the strapline read: 'The interesting question is not what causes authoritarianism but what has ever suspended it.'

No, that's the wrong question. It assumes, as Gopnik says, that "The default condition of humankind is not to thrive in broadly egalitarian and stable democratic arrangements that get unsettled only when something happens to unsettle them. The default condition of humankind, traced across thousands of years of history, is some sort of autocracy."

The obvious way to continue this article would be to point out that Joe Biden won the election, that thanks to the run-off elections in Georgia the Democrats will control both houses of Congress, and that the joint ses-

sion of Congress on Wednesday decisively rejected the corrupt populist and would-be strongman Donald Trump. Take that, Adam Gopnik!

All that is true, but Gopnik is correct in saying that American democracy is still in serious trouble and that the populist tide is running strongly in the world. The problem is with his view of the rest of the world and America's place in it.

Gopnik grew up in Canada, but he seems to have drunk the American Kool-Aid. That is the familiar mythology in which the United States is not only the first mass democracy but the indispensable one, the shining example without which the others would wander hopelessly in the darkness.

That's not true. Democracy is the default mode political system, even though it is "the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time," as Winston Churchill said in the House of Commons in 1947 (quoting an unknown predecessor).

Almost every dictator in the world holds fake

elections so he can claim legitimacy, however fraudulently. No democratic leaders falsely claim to be dictators or tyrants (although some, like Trump, Bolsonaro in Brazil, Orbán in Hungary and Duterte in the Philippines, secretly aspire to it). So default mode democracy wins in a walk.

This was not true before the 18th century. There are indeed "all those thousands of years of history" when the norm was "some form of autocracy". But before that there are all those hundreds of thousands of years of pre-history when all humans lived as equals, reaching their decisions by discussion and consensus, in little hunter-gatherer bands.

We know this because some of those bands, living in out-of-the-way places, survived long enough for anthropologists to study them – and they were all egalitarian. In fact, they had no formal leaders, and the worst social crime was for one adult man to give an order to another.

They didn't hold elections, because the bands were hardly ever more than a hundred strong and they could just talk things

over. But the core belief of democracy is that everybody has equal rights including a share in the decision-making process, and our distant ancestors all believed that. They believed it for so long that it became a basic human value.

That basic human belief went underground when the first mass societies appeared around 6,000 years ago. The only way to run them was from the top down, by force, because without mass communications (and they hadn't even invented writing yet) there was no way for tens or hundreds of thousands of people to make decisions together as equals.

So the tyrants took over and had a very long run, but the belief in equality never died, as all the slave and peasant revolts attest. And by the 18th century a kind of mass communications had finally emerged. Just the printing press plus mass literacy, but that meant everybody could get back to making decisions together as equals, and so the democratic revolutions began.

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Investigation complete for fatal wreck on County Rd. 3

The investigation into the motor vehicle collision that killed 16-year-old Edward Mellett-Matthews, has been completed. The incident occurred on County Road 3, East Garafraxa just after 11:00pm on June 3rd, 2020. The 17-year-old driver of the motor vehicle, that Mellett-Matthews was a passenger in, has been charged under the Highway Traffic act with:

- Careless driving causing death
- G1 licence holder- unaccompanied by qualified driver
- A parent of the charged youth is also facing a Highway traffic act charge of:
 - Permit person with improper licence to drive motor vehicle

As well as a Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act charge of:

- Permit motor vehicle to be operated without insurance

Both parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision from June 3rd, 2020 or has any information is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Dufferin OPP welcomes new commander

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to welcome their new Commander, Insp. Terry Ward, who took over the top duties on Jan. 11, 2021.

The Dufferin OPP is responsible for all areas of Dufferin County, which now includes the Town of Orangeville, and on Feb. 18, 2021, will also include the Town of Shelburne.

Inspector Ward began his career with the Ontario Provincial Police in 1995 at the Goderich Detachment. He went on to serve in various roles and areas, including as a member of the Emergency Response Team (ERT), in the VIP Security Section, as a frontline Sergeant and as the S/Sgt Operations Manager at the Collingwood Detachment. Ward is a recipient of a Commissioner's Commendation and a Police Exemplary Service Medal.

"I'm very excited to be part of this community" Insp. Ward said. "My commitment will be to build and maintain relationships and partnerships that share a common vision for public safety in this community".

Digital evidence program launches for police services

Written By Alyssa Pakhill
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Provincial government is implementing new technology to further assist police services in identifying, managing and sharing digital evidence.

On Jan. 19, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones was joined with Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy as well as Chief of Peel Regional Police Nishan Duraiappah and other Provincial and Municipal officials to announce the introduction of the Digital Evidence Management (DEM) program.

"Last week, we introduced the rollout of eIntake in Northwestern Ontario, the second region to adopt the digital platform. This is a major step in our government's work to modernize and streamline the justice system," said Solicitor General Jones.

The eIntake initiative allows officers to file criminal charges to the court digitally, as well as allowing Justices of the Peace to enter decisions and sign important documents along with requesting additional information, all digitally.

As we travel further into the digital age, this new investment by the Ontario government will ensure police officers spend less time filing paperwork at a desk, and more time on the road, investigating crimes and being in the community.

The DEM program has been designed and will be delivered by Axon Public Safety Canada after being selected by the Province.

Axon is a leading public safety technology company creating software, devices and apps to better protect the community and equip police officers with advanced technology.

"Axon is a global leader in connecting law enforcement technologies, evidence management and file sharing [between] Peel Region Police, and the Toronto Police Service," said Jones.

Police officers in Peel and in Toronto will be equipped with Axon body cameras with digital support and streaming capabilities. Through the DEM program, police services and justice system partners will be able to store, manage and share digital evidence wherever in the province for investigations, prosecutions etc.

The program will also allow police officers to engage with the public for assistance and allow members of the community to upload evidence directly to the system.

"Digital evidence management is a critical piece of a comprehensive digital justice system that will help reduce delays in Ontario's overburdened court system, eliminate costly duplication along the investigation to prosecution cycle, support the seamless and real-time sharing of evidence and information," said Jones.

Peel Regional Police is excited to be a part of the program and to enhance public safety through the new advanced technology.

"Our participation as an early adopter in the Province's digital evidence management solution is in line with our vision to be the most connected and technologically innovative police service in Canada," said Chief of Peel Regional Police Nishan Duraiappah. "Peel Police recognizes the importance of having our organization and it's frontline members adapt to the changing digital public safety environment."

The program will be available to Provincial enforcement agencies including the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Correc-

tional Services Oversight, and Investigations (CSOI) unit alongside municipal and First Nations police services.

"The PAO (Police Association of Ontario) is confident in the partnership between the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Axon Public Safety Canada to execute and support this important system," said Bruce Chapman, President of PAO. "The PAO has had an ongoing relationship with Axon for the past few years, and I've always been impressed with their innovative approach to supporting policing through speaking opportunities at PAO events, Axon has expressed its commitment to continuing to educate our police association leaders on the changing world of technology and its impact on the policing profession."

Managing Director of Axon, Vishal Dhir, joined the meeting to share Axon's excitement on working alongside the Provincial government and further providing police services with new digital technology.

"This digital evidence management initiative is part of the Ontario Onwards action plan, and it underscores an important part of police work that the general public is not usually aware of since joining axon. One of the key learnings that stands out to me today is really how much police work happens behind the scenes. And I can assure you, it's nothing like we see on TV shows," exclaimed Vishal Dhir, Managing Director of Axon.

"Creating efficiencies and helping the members of the police services in Ontario," he added, "streamline evidence management and support timely submissions to the courts is something we've witnessed worldwide that can have a great impact on the effectiveness of the justice system and better service delivery for the public."

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Former OPS officer acquitted of all charges

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Stephen Fisher, a former constable with the Orangeville Police Service (OPS) has been found not guilty of the two charges alleged against him, relating to the disclosure of a video conversation between two OPS officers.

Appearing in court via Zoom on Friday (Jan. 15) for the fifth day of his trial, Fisher was acquitted by Justice Shannon McPherson following final submissions by the defence and crown attorneys.

"Mr. Fisher, it is not my normal practice to give judgment without reasons, but in this case I am going to find you not guilty of both counts currently, as alleged against you. My reasons will follow it sometime in the future," said Justice McPherson.

Fisher was charged by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in December of 2018, after an investigation was made into the release of a video which contained a conversation between manager officers, Const. Andy May and Staff. Sgt. Dave McLagan, reportedly discussing and harassing other employees. Fisher was charged with disclosure of private communication and breach of trust by a police officer.

Fisher's trial began on Jan. 11 and saw testimonies from OPS officers including former OPS Const. Andy May, OPP Sgt. Dave McLagan, Sgt. Steve Phillips, Const. James Giovanetti, Special Const. Rick Stevens, and Fisher himself.

Defense attorney Pamela Machado started her final submission by saying an internal policy of the Orangeville Police mandated reporting workplace violence and harassment – either in or outside the workplace, on or off duty to a direct supervisor. Machado noted that the policy did not account for what an officer must do when they can't report up the chain of command.

Machado argued that numerous conflicts of interest, made it so Fisher could not report up the chain of command, as per OPS policy.

Const. Giovanetti in his testimony said that there was little separation between frontline members and upper management at OPS which made it uncomfortable for people to bring complaints forward due to fear of reprisal.

"The evidence has also demonstrated the long contentious history of the Orangeville Police Service," said Machado. "The toxic work environment, the history of harassment by Andy May and the failure of the executive to act, all of which created a necessity for

Steven Fisher to disclose this recording."

Throughout the trial it was established that Fisher found the video recording of Const. May and Staff Sgt. McLagan, discussing and allegedly harassing other employees on a computer in the OPS monitor room. A publication ban is currently in place for the video and information derived from it.

Machado in her submission noted that other employees of OPS had in the past made submissions of harassment against OPS supervisors with no outcome.

"One area that has been entirely absent from the Crown's case, is whether the content of the video did in fact amount to harassment," said Machado.

In her argument against the breach of trust by a police officer Machado said:

"He testified, he did not disclose this video to anyone other than a law enforcement officer. He did not therefore breach the standard responsibility and conduct demanded, in fact, I would submit it is the opposite, as the public demands accountability and transparency from police."

Crown attorney Katie Beaudoin in her submission argued that the conversation between May and McLagan was a private communication based on four factors.

"All [factors] lead to the conclusion that

both May and McLagan had an expectation of privacy and were engaged in a private communication," said Beaudoin.

Beaudoin also argued that Fisher went outside his purpose of assisting a harassment complaint, by disclosing the entirety of the 40 minute video and that he breached an oath of confidentiality.

"The oath of confidentiality requires police officers not to disclose any information obtained in the course of their duties as a police officer, unless authorized or required by law," said Beaudoin. "I submit Const. Fisher breached his oath of confidentiality by disclosing Orangeville Police property where it was not authorized or required by law."

Justice McPherson asked Beaudoin to explain her conclusion that Fisher had breached his oath, as he had disclosed the property to another police officer.

"My submission is he gives it to a civilian who happens to be a special constable," said Beaudoin.

Justice McPherson, at the conclusion of the Crown's submissions, ruled Fisher not guilty of both counts - disclosure of private communication and breach of trust by a police officer.

Methamphetamine, a growing concern for Canadian law enforcement

Written By Sam Odrowski

Methamphetamine use has been growing in the shadow of the opioid crisis, both locally and across Canada.

Const. Shannon Gordanier of the Dufferin OPP told the Citizen meth use is increasing in popularity locally due to its availability and pricing, while other drugs are becoming a bit more scarce.

"It appears availability and price is affecting use more so than user preference for the drug," she noted.

In the late 90s and early 2000s methamphetamine use was a significant concern for police and now, throughout the country, there's been a re-emergence. In fact, the illicit drug is currently one of the most significant commodities within organized crime; entrenched from production, to importation and distribution, according to OPP.

"What we were finding was increased levels of seizures, clandestine laboratories, importation, and diversion of chemical precursors across the country," said Bryan Mackillop, superintendent/director of the OPP's Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau.

"With methamphetamine being one of the most seized drugs in the country, and one of the most tested drugs by Health Canada, it certainly causes a grave concern."

From 2017-2018 there was a 333 per cent increase in methamphetamine seizures according to the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) and its not trending down. Drug seizures at the border that separates New York State and Canada actually saw a 1,000 per cent increase in drug seizures last year.

To combat methamphetamine use and help the public become better educated on the issue, a national public awareness cam-

paign is being launched by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) and police services throughout Canada.

The campaign's launch is in support of the theme "Helping All Communities Stay Safe," for Crime Stoppers Month, which runs through January.

The campaign will utilize a variety of communication strategies to provide information on indicators of methamphetamine production so the public can help police track down more clandestine labs.

It's important to note for every one kilogram of methamphetamine production, six kilograms of toxic waste is produced, which is almost always disposed of through illegal dumping, resulting in environmental contamination and health hazards to the public.

To help improve the safety of communities, police services across the country are asking for the public's help in eliminating methamphetamine production.

"OPP are always looking for the community to assist in tracking down those who are supplying or producing meth or any other illegal drugs in our community. There are many things to look out for to spot a possible meth lab," said Const. Gordanier.

Some of the things to watch out for include suspicious or secretive behaviour, occupants attend for short periods at odd hours, chemical odours, location has excessive security, covered windows, and garbage contains chemical containers, glassware, bags of soil or the garbage is never put out.

Production is primarily taking place domestically in around the Toronto area and "lives are being lost," said Mackillop.

"What you do have is organized crime, taking advantage of every opportunity to victimize our population," he remarked. "They don't usually just peddle in one particular commodity, they tend to focus on a variety of

"People are trying these drugs when they are young and impressionable. By the time they are in their early 20's, they are hooked."

—Const. Shannon Gordanier.

commodities, whether it's gun trafficking, human trafficking... where there is a demand, they will make sure that the supply meets that demand."

"They also they have a catalog of inventory to make sure that they're maximizing their profits, because they don't care about people, they care about money. And I think that's the driving factor behind this – organized crime, taking advantage of our vulnerable," Mackillop added.

An unfortunate reality is that in Dufferin County, all too often, illicit drugs are getting into the hands of youth.

"When talking to the community street crime unit members, they mentioned that many people are trying these drugs when they are young and impressionable. By the time they are in their early 20's, they are hooked," said Const. Gordanier.

Both Mackillop and Gordanier encourage the public to become more informed on the telltale signs of meth production and report anything that's suspicious.

"Working together with the community will generate far more success.

If you have any information regarding illegal drug production or supplying, contact local Crime Stoppers or OPP 1-888-310-1122," Gordanier noted.

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New grant program funds initiatives combating gender-based violence

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Canadian Women's Foundation has launched a new program, Safer + Stronger Grants, to provide financial support for organizations addressing and combating gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There's a lot of research that shows that gender-based violence does increase in times of disaster and this is something that's global and Canada of course is no exception to that rule," said Andrea Gunraj, vice president of public engagement at Canadian Women's Foundation. "We've been seeing that that increase in gender-based violence tends to be because folks might be more isolated, folks might have less access to services, maybe communities are struggling with the disaster response and therefore the response or the services available for gender-based violence are limited."

The Canadian Women's Foundation launched the grant program back in December after receiving a \$19.6 million investment from the Department of Women and Gender Equality (WAGE). The grant will provide organizations with funding for a number of activities and expenses such as crisis intervention, digital resources, staffing, operating



cost and COVID-19 prevention.

"It's very open in terms of what organizations could say they need uniquely in their community and the whole idea is we want to make sure that organizations get what they need in this emergency period, to be able to meet those needs of their communities."

With the new grant Canadian Women's Foundation said through that they will be particularly committed in advancing initiatives in rural, remote and Northern areas which can see increased risk with less available support.

"Statistics Canada has found that women in rural areas really do experience the highest rates of violence of intimate partner abuse, and of course some groups within those rural areas experience higher rates as

well," said Gunraj.

"We also see that there might be greater barriers for folks who are in rural and remote northern areas, which could be that the shelter is not available for them, if they want to find emergency shelter programs they may not be available in their areas, there may be issues with trying to get to the services because of the distance between and lack of affordable housing options, affordable transportation options," explained Gunraj. "Resources may be scarce for them, there's the isolation and the difficulty in leaving a violent situation is going to be more difficult in those areas."

During the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic police calls for domestic disturbance increased through March and June. Women's Shelter Canada reported that 52 percent of 266 shelters surveyed reported seeing clients experiencing more severe forms of violence.

In a survey from Statistics Canada, released in April 2020, it showed that 1 in 10 women were very or extremely concerned about the possibility of violence in the home.

Family Transition Place (FTP) a local organization that provides services for women and children back in July said at the peak of the first wave they initially saw a decrease in calls for help, but as restrictions lifted they saw numbers begin to rise again.

With the second wave of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdowns, Canadian Women's Foundation says there is higher risk of intimate partner violence and that the emergency grant will help support stretched organizations.

Deadlines to apply for the Safer + Stronger Grant are Feb. 1 and 15. For more information on the grant go to www.canadian-women.org.

Dufferin County Canadian Black Association seeing support

Written By Sam Odrowski

The demand for racial justice and equality strengthened greatly in 2020, leading to the creation of many pro-Black and anti-racist groups advocating for positive change.

A local group formed following the murder of George Floyd last May called Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) and it has been working to provide a collective voice to the region's Black community.

At a meeting last Monday (Jan. 11), Orangeville Council voted to partner with DCCBA, list the organization on its website, and fly a pan-African flag for Black History Month in February, pending its flagpole availability, which has already been done by Shelburne and Dufferin County, previously.

"We're asking that the Town of Orangeville also takes part in recognizing the significant contributions of Black individuals in the Town and just to highlight, the Town of Orangeville specifically has at least five identified black owned or operated businesses," noted Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, DCCBA founder.

"That is a significant achievement for a population of 28,000 and a black population of 500 in change based on the 2016 census [data from Statistics Canada]."

DCCBA officially launched in June of last year, following many discussions with community members and stakeholders about the growing population of Black people in the County, and the need to provide a voice, advocacy, and support.

This is being accomplished by providing a safe space to Black individuals, offering support services, community outreach, and scholarship opportunities.

O'Hara-Stephenson said the association is committed to being a true community partner, working with other established agencies to bring value to Dufferin County.

"The mandate of the association is essentially to provide leadership for the continued development and enhancement of the Black community through civic engagement, education, programs and services and advocating for equity and wellbeing for the Black community in Dufferin County," she noted.

"We're to be a central hub for resources, tools and programs that are unique to the needs of the Black Community."

All of the DCCBA's programs, events, and activities are inclusive for all, meaning anyone can participate.

Some of the association's successes to date include partnering with a multitude of organizations, such as the Upper Grand District School Board, Town of Shelburne, Dufferin County, Museum of Dufferin, FLATO Developments, Benjamin Law, Shelburne Public Library and Dufferin Spotlight.

On Jan. 5 a free personal branding session workshop was held by DCCBA online and roughly 30 people participated. According to O'Hara-Stephenson it was a huge success.

"The feedback has been extremely positive and so that's something we're quite proud of, to be able to achieve as our first official event."

Events scheduled for the future include an online session on financial literacy, real estate investing, coding and tutoring.

In partnership with the Museum of Dufferin, DCCBA's working on this year's Black History Month event, which includes a virtual flag raising ceremony on Feb. 1 and an online panel discussion on Feb. 20.

Through the association's partnerships, it's able to offer post secondary scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Anyone interested in applying can do so up until May 17 at: <https://dufferincountyca.org/> scholarship.



"It's important to note that, especially from a black youth perspective, based on the 2016 Stats Canada report, many black youth, especially black males, want to pursue higher education, but one of the impeding factors is cost," O'Hara-Stephenson explained.

"So one of the reasons why we put a strong focus on scholarship is to be able to provide opportunities where more black youth can participate."

According to Statistics Canada, 94 per cent of Black youth aged 15 to 25 said they would like to get a bachelor degree or higher, but only 60 per cent thought they were capable. With the Black population in Dufferin County making up 32 per cent of all visible minorities, O'Hara-Stephenson says its critical that the community helps to address their education needs.

Another area of importance for DCCBA is providing a central hub to help people find jobs and volunteering opportunities.

"We have a job portal and so far we've had a number of individuals in the community, Black individuals, who have been able to access job opportunities through our job portal, simply because we now have that central repository, where we're collecting information from various sources and making them accessible," said O'Hara-Stephenson.

Council was supportive of O'Hara-Stephenson's presentation and agreed to list the DCCBA as a resource on the Town of Orangeville website, which helps the organization get information out to the community while promoting diversity and inclusion.

Council also registered as a partner on the DCCBA's Registration page to show its support and share information regarding the Town of Orangeville.

Going forward, O'Hara-Stephenson says the association's plans are to continue with events and activities that can be done online or without meeting physically, due to COVID-19.

"That's why we focused on the scholarships, because that's something that we can execute on without having to have a physical presence," she explained.

Longer term, DCCBA hopes to provide further opportunities for developing youth and helping them build entrepreneurial skills through mentorship and training.

As well, they hope to continue to support black owned businesses with their operations.

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PSA: Don't search for the COVID-19 vaccine online

While governments are phasing in COVID-19 vaccines based on risk and exposure criteria, Canadians are looking to skip the queue and get the vaccine through unofficial channels.

Research by cybersecurity company NordVPN shows that in January, queries of the phrase "covid vaccine online" tripled (+264%). However, the search volumes of the French keyphrase "vaccin en ligne" and all of its variants gained less traction since December.

Most queries for "covid vaccine online" are coming from Alberta and Saskatchewan. Meanwhile Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Manitoba show much lower interest in getting the vaccine online.

Quebec has lost the interest entirely, after the early search hype back in October-November.

The vaccines are being distributed to governments and not available for purchase

from private entities. However, people are eager to get their jabs as soon as possible, looking for vaccines under the counter. According to the officials, the widespread vaccine distribution may not be finalized until late September.

A treasure trove for scammers

"Wherever there is demand, fraudsters' reaction is swift. Sadly, those who will try to get the COVID-19 vaccine under the counter will fall victim to a scam," says Daniel Markuson, digital privacy expert at NordVPN.

According to Bleeping Computer, 40 cybercriminal gangs in Europe earned at least \$6.5M impersonating popular classifieds, marketplaces, and delivery services. "It's just a matter of time until Canada takes down a similar gang as the dark web is brimming with fraudulent offers," says Daniel Markuson.

The Australian National University discovered 645 COVID-19 listings across 12 dark

web markets in a single day.

"First of all, be cautious, follow the official information, and avoid anything that resembles a black market. But scammers may go further than just placing their offers on the dark web. They will send emails and texts as well as promote their "offers" on social media. Do not fall for fake promises. Besides, when you get a message inviting you to take a vaccine, be sure not to click on lookalike domains with spelling errors, like canada.com," adds the digital privacy expert at NordVPN.

What to expect from online fraudsters in the nearest future?

Bad actors usually exploit fears or feed the need for urgency. Once more and more

people get vaccinated, the gears will shift to exploit the fears attached to the vaccine's side effects. People who got the official jab might get informed they have received a potentially dangerous vaccine. They might be prompted to register for a "check-up" to make sure they are not developing some additional disease.

Please note: For the methodology, NordVPN researchers used Google's search term analysis tools for terms "covid vaccine online" and "vaccin en ligne". The analysis was based on search volumes in the last 12 months the keyphrases started gaining significant traction in November. Time frame: January 14, 2020-January 15, 2021.

Local vaccine further delayed

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has received additional information on the Pfizer vaccine production delays. Canada will now receive even fewer doses than was anticipated when delays were announced earlier this month. As a result, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health will not receive the expected Pfizer vaccine delivery on February 1, 2021 (1,975 doses). As of today, Public Health does not have an expected date to receive additional Pfizer vaccines.

To accommodate this unexpected gap in vaccine deliveries, Public Health is pausing first-dose vaccinations for staff of long-term care and retirement homes effective January 20, 2021. These appointments will be rescheduled once Pfizer shipments resume. Individuals who have already received the first dose will be provided the second dose at a longer interval that does not exceed the 42-day maximum interval as in the product monograph.

Public Health's priority remains vaccinating long-term care and retirement home residents, staff and essential caregivers and those requiring second dose as soon as possible. Shipments of the Moderna vaccine have not been affected and will continue to be used to vaccinate all long-term care and retirement home residents.

Some of the highlights of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health vaccine program so far include:

To date, 4,407 people in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

As of January 19, 2021, more people in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph had received the first dose of the vaccine than had contracted the virus

People should be suspicious of any vaccine ads and offers they find online. Losing one's money is the least that might happen — injecting a poisonous substance is a much greater risk.

Workplace inspections to rise

The Ontario government is taking additional measures to protect workers in response to rising COVID-19 cases. Beginning this Saturday and Sunday, approximately 50 ministry inspectors, as well as local bylaw and police officers, will be visiting big-box stores in Toronto, Hamilton, Peel, York and Durham. The blitz will focus on ensuring workers and patrons are wearing masks, maintaining physical distance, and following every health and safety measure. Workplace health and safety inspectors will have the authority to ticket supervisors, employees and patrons who do not comply with COVID-19 safety requirements, temporarily close a premise and disperse groups of more than five people.

Details of the new enforcement measures were provided today by Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

"We know most businesses are operating responsibly and taking the necessary steps to protect their workers and customers, and I want to thank them for their efforts," said Minister McNaughton. "Where we find an employer who has been acting in bad faith, we won't hesitate to take action by immediately slapping them with a ticket and a fine.

There will be real consequences for those who break the rules."

These efforts build on the "Stay Safe All Day" campaign announced earlier this week, which will focus workplace inspections in areas of high transmission, including break rooms, and provide resource materials to employers and workers to promote safe behaviour before, during and after work.

The campaign targets workplaces with heightened risks that have been identified by using data from local public health units and information reported directly to the province. Inspectors will focus on workplaces in the following sectors:

- Workplaces with reported outbreaks
- Manufacturing
- Warehousing
- Distribution centres
- Food processing
- Publicly accessible workplaces deemed essential, such as grocery stores

Ministry inspectors will also continue their focused onsite inspections at long-term care homes and retirement homes using a new data-sharing initiative with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority.

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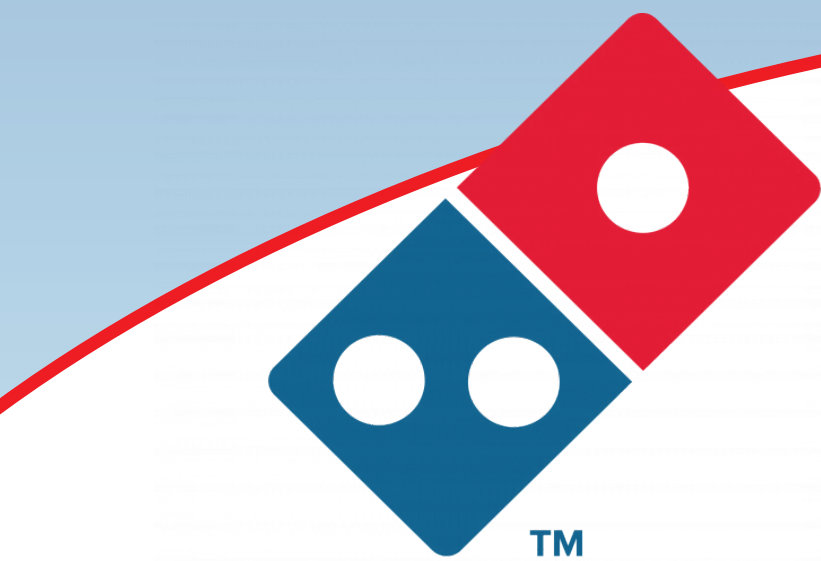
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