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Town warns of stormwater pond dangers

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SAFETY FIRST: The Town of Shelburne is cautioning residents about the dangers of stormwater management ponds for residents who try to use them as an ice surface for skating. Water levels at these types of ponds tend to fluctuate, which makes them hazardous. Shelburne is asking that residents utilize the outdoor rinks that are being maintained within the town through the winter season, instead of stormwater management ponds.

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With people looking for outdoor activities to do over the winter months, as a way of getting out of their homes, the Town of Shelburne's Public Works Department is reminding residents that stormwater ponds are not for recreational use.

Public Works, through numerous notifications released on social media and the Town's website, has been stressing the unsafe nature of the stormwater ponds; urging residents to use extreme caution when near them.

"The ponds may look safe and appeal to skaters and for other recreational activities, but they are unsafe," reads a notification from Public Works.

Shelburne has around 12 stormwater management ponds located throughout the town that store and treat water. The man-made ponds, which are typically seen in residential areas, are designed to prevent flooding, erosion and improve the quality of water

before being released back into the nearest stream or river.

Jim Moss, director of Shelburne's public works, says that due to the nature of the ponds, waters levels can fluctuate drastically, both rising and falling quickly, which can hinder the formation of reliable, safe ice.

While some older stormwater management ponds in the community have been fenced off from residents, newer ones have been created to be part of the environment, including trails that make it more of a recreational area.

Moss says unfortunately some take it too far and see it as a recreation centre for outdoor activities.

"They're not meant for recreational use, whether it be kayaking in the summer or ice skating in the winter," says Moss. "They're there as a stormwater retention pond."

The Town's caution against the dangers of stormwater ponds comes after an 11-year-old boy from Milton died after falling through the ice of a storm management pond back in December.

Shelburne Fire Chief Ralph Snyder says that the Shelburne Fire Department is strictly shore based and won't go into the water for rescues.

"It's a very complex training to be able to do ice water rescue," said Snyder. "We are shore based only so we will throw you a life-saver and hopefully you can grab it and we can pull you to shore."

"Self-rescue on ice that is breaking up is extremely hard to do because the ice just keeps breaking in front of you, and you keep falling in."

Despite the notifications for safety Moss says that they've received a number of requests from residents asking permission to use the pond that they've had to deny.

"We've have two stormwater management ponds that have been actively cleaned or shoveled off, which looks like they're being used for skating areas," said Moss.

The Town at this time is working on adding two more outdoor rinks to compensate for those looking to do outdoor activities.

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Shelburne WOMEN *in* BUSINESS



Susan Mullin, Mullin Bookkeeping

HI I AM SUSAN MULLIN, owner and operator of Mullin Bookkeeping. My interest first started in accounts when I helped out my parents when they owned a GM Dealership way back. I was taught how to keep their accounts in order literally over the phone by an employee from GM.

I loved the experience and enjoyed helping out. This gave me the inspiration to follow my dream and enroll at college to become a qualified bookkeeper.

After graduating Georgian College with Honours, I added a Compliance Practitioner Certificate with the Canadian Payroll Association, to boost my Qualifications.

I love my job and every day is a different challenge. I started up my business 10 years ago and have help from a part time employee who has been with me from day 1.

I am still passionate about numbers and love working for myself, and I appreciate all my loyal customers. When I am not busy with my 2 teenagers, myself and my husband love the outdoors and camp as much as we can.

We are based local in Feversham, so call me to see what we offer, from Income Tax Returns to Daily Bookkeeping, Account, Bank Reconciliations, Payroll, HST, and lots more.



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Jennifer Crewson, Crewson Insurance

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SHELBURNE has been my home for almost 35 years. As a child, I learned the importance of community service from my parents. I have vivid memories of selling poppies, volunteering at the local foodbank delivering newspapers, serving my local church, and helping with tours when the newly renovated Town Hall reopened. I also spent time travelling with my father delivering insurance policies; those two experiences laid the foundation for my love of people, getting to know them and hearing their stories.

I graduated from Brock University in 2008 with a degree in Business Communications and joined the Crewson Insurance Team full time in 2011, where I began my journey answering phones and filing. I moved into my grandmother's home on Gordon Street with my husband Scott Poynter and his 2 sons Ethan and Jacob. The "old blister" as Scott called it, has been transformed through years of labour and love into a beautiful place we call home. In 2018 we welcomed our beautiful daughter Scottlyn.

Over the last 10 years at Crewson Insurance my main focus has been moving all workflows, communication and client files from paper to digital in an effort to increase efficiency so that we can focus on our client. My title as Direct of Client Experience means that I deal with client issues or complaints, my goal is to ensure that the client always walks away happy, feeling well taken care of.

Currently, I volunteer with the Shelburne Farmers Market, the Shelburne BIA, and Trinity United Church. Also, I am a board member of Headwaters Healthcare Foundation and Gala Committee. My hope for the future is that Crewson Insurance will grow and continue to serve the insurance needs of this community and that I, along with my awesome team of colleagues, will continue to make a positive impact on this community through sponsorships, volunteering and community service.



Christine Watts, Shelburne Physiotherapy Centre

CHRISTINE WATTS has been with Shelburne Physiotherapy & Wellness Centre for over 19 years.

During that time, she has helped develop and coordinate improved access to physiotherapy and rehabilitation services for Shelburne residents including:

- Ministry of Health funded programs for seniors and youth
- Funded care for rehab after total hip and total knee joint replacement
- Funded osteoporosis and osteoarthritis programs

Through true collaboration with the Dufferin Area Family Health Team, she has helped to bring funded physiotherapy programs to those residents who have a local family doctor.

Christine brings a warmhearted caring approach and a nursing background to our team. Together Christine and Shelburne Physiotherapy take great pride in providing our community with the highest quality, patient-centric care directed at helping you live your best life!



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Bobbi-Jean Brandt, The Mortgage Centre

BOBBI-JEAN was raised with an entrepreneurial mindset, her parents left the small town of Elora, Ontario, to start their own family business in the Shelburne area. From a very young age, she learned the importance of a strong work ethic and building quality relationships. She learned that one needs to have pride and passion in what they do, and it will show in the service that they provide. Bobbi-Jean has always had a strong desire to help others and make a difference in people's lives.

After working at several factory jobs, she realized that customer service and client appreciation was definitely something that is lacking in today's society. Customer service has become the core of her business, building strong quality relationships with her clients and most have become very close friends.

She entered the world of mortgages in 2013. She has won many awards both in her manufacturing career and with The Mortgage Centre, Rock Capital Investments including Customer Service Award, Rookie of the Year, and Most Improved, not to mention all the wonderful relationships she has built.

This mindset of valuing people led Bobbi-Jean to found MsMortgageLady.ca in 2017 based on her love of people and helping others. Her mission to not only provide a higher level of service to her clients, but to go above and beyond. Whether it be to refinance, renew, consolidate, or get pre-approved, I am here to help. I will listen to all of your Mortgage needs and build a customized Mortgage JUST FOR YOU!!

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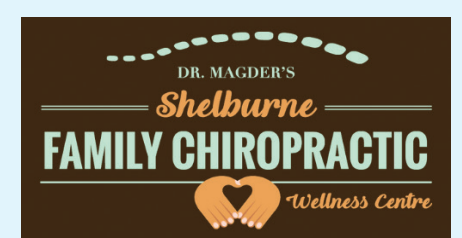
Alexandra Georgakopoulos, Shelburne Family Chiropractic

ALEXANDRA is the co-owner of Shelburne Family Chiropractic & Wellness Centre where she has happily managed and worked with a fantastic group of wellness colleagues for the past 5 years. She has over 10 years of successful business activities in several industries. From managing Fortune 500 social media & digital channels to positively inspiring her community through grassroots fundraising and volunteer activities, Alexandra continues to apply her skills now in Shelburne with an unprecedented work ethic.

She remains dedicated to ensuring her clinic gives back as much as possible to the community, while also providing the best wellness care possible not only in Shelburne but all of Dufferin County.

Alexandra continues to be inspired by her team, community, her daughter and other strong women that she works with everyday.

"When women support each other, incredible things happen."



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Shelburne students to continue with online learning

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne students will be continuing with online learning until further notice, according to the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB).

The UGDSB made an announcement last Friday (Jan. 22) regarding the extension of online learning, which said the earliest they expect students could return back for in-person learning would be Feb. 11.

“At this time, we do not expect that schools will resume in-person learning until the end of the provincial emergency order on February 11, 2021, at the earliest,” said the school board in a press release. “This means that all UGDSB schools will continue with our current measures for online learning until further notice.”

The notice comes after Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, announced on Jan. 20 that over 100,000 students from seven public health units would be returning to school on Jan. 25. The UGDSB was not on the list of school boards permitted to return.

Only schools in the southeast region of



FILE PHOTO

DISTANCED LEARNING CONTINUES: Students of Shelburne’s Centre Dufferin District High School won’t be returning to class anytime soon, following Upper Grand District School Board’s announcement to extend distanced learning until a minimum of Feb. 11.

Ontario were given the green light.

Chief Medical Officer of Health and CEO of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH), Dr. Nicola Mercer also

extended the date to return to school for elementary and secondary schools until at least Feb. 1. during an announcement on Jan. 20

“Cases are declining in the region,” said Dr. Mercer. “We are doing the difficult work of bringing COVID back down to levels where we can safely reopen school, but we are simply not there yet.”

The UGDSB says the return to school date or any possible extensions for online learning will be determined by the Ministry of Education and Province. They also note that an official announcement from the Province will be communicated closer to the planned return to in-person learning (Feb. 11).

Throughout the school closures, specialized classes for students with developmental disabilities (DD classes) in elementary and secondary schools have remained open for in-person learning and will continue for those students.

Child care for non-school aged children and emergency child care for school-aged children of frontline workers will also remain open until in-person learning resumes, while before and after school programs will remain closed.

At the time of print, there is no definitive date for when students could expect to return to in-person learning.

Outbreak declared at Shelburne Long Term Care Home

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared at a long term care home in Shelburne.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH), declared the outbreak at the Shelburne Long Term Care Home and Retirement Community, located at 200 Robert St., last Thursday (Jan. 21) after two staff members tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

According to an update on the long term care homes website, the two staff members are currently isolating and recovering at home.

“All staff are required to participate in surveillance testing as directed by the local public health unit,” reads the update. “With community spread still being a major concern, this regular testing will help us detect new positive staff or asymptomatic staff early and limit the risk of potential exposure to our residents.

“We are working closely with Public Health, with our medical directors, our epidemiologist and with Extencicare’s Infection Prevention and Control specialist and are following their directives. As well, our enhanced infection prevention and control measure remain in place such as symptom



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LTC CONTINUES BATTLE: The Shelburne Long Term Care Home and Retirement Community has been working to get COVID-19 out of its walls since Jan. 21, when an outbreak was declared.

screening our residents and team member a minimum of twice daily, terminal cleaning of high-touch surfaces, ensuring that all our staff are wearing masks and personal pro-

TECTIVE equipment and revisiting our infection prevention and control protocol to ensure they are being religiously followed.”

The Shelburne Long Term Care Home and Retirement Community was one of two local long term care homes hit hard by the deadly virus last April – seeing 20 deaths due to COVID-19.

On Jan. 6, Sarah Ricci, program manager of the long term care home, became the first person in the WDG Public Health region to receive the Pfizer vaccine, along with four other employees.

At the time of print, no additional residents have tested positive.

The Free Press reached out the Shelburne Long Term Care Home and Retirement Community for a comment on the outbreak, but has not received a statement.

The incubation period for COVID-19 ranges from 1 to 14 days, but most commonly, people develop symptoms five to six days after being exposed to the virus, according to the Government of Canada. Almost all people (97.5 per cent), develop symptoms within 11 days of an exposure.



TOWN OF SHELBURNE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
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Take notice that on Monday, February 22, 2021 the Council of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting pursuant to *The Development Charges Act, 1997*, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied Town-wide. It is proposed that enactment of a development charges by-law by Council would occur on a date subsequent to the public meeting.

Development charges are levied against new development and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2021 Development Charges Background Study relates to the provision of Library and Parks and Recreation services to the West-Area of the Town of Shelburne.

Council is required under *The Development Charges Act, 1997* to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2021 Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed development charges by-law.

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: 203 Main Street East, Shelburne, ON L9V 3K7

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting will be held electronically in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* which provides for Electronic Participation where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under Section 4 or 7.01 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

The 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 Clerk at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Friday February 19, 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-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w>

Any person may attend the public meeting and make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the by-law. Written submissions are invited and should be directed to Jennifer Willoughby, Clerk (jwilloughby@shelburne.ca) no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday February 17, 2021. Written comments received prior to the meeting and submissions made at the public meeting will be considered by Council prior to the enactment of a new development charges by-law.

Technical inquiries should be directed to Steve Wever, Town Planner at planning@shelburne.ca.

A copy of the 2021 Development Charges Background Study has been made available on the Town’s website www.shelburne.ca as of Friday, January 8, 2021. A copy of the development charges by-law will be made available on the Town’s website by Monday, February 8, 2021.

DATED AT the Town of Shelburne this 18th day of January 2021.

Jennifer Willoughby
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk
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The First Robots

They were planning to put on a play written by an artificial intelligence program in Prague this month, to mark the invention of robots (or at least the idea of robots) in the same city exactly one hundred years ago. COVID-19 got in the way of that, and it will now only be available free online late next month. Kind of symbolic, really: the future is quite different than they expected.

Josef Čapek's play, 'Rossum's Universal Robots (RUR)', was an instant hit in 1921. The imaginary 'robots' (a Czech word meaning serfs or slave labourers) were developed to spare human beings hard work on assembly lines and death on battlefields, but in the end they rebelled and wiped out the human race.

Whereas in the real world of a century later, robots still can't even dance. The Čapek brothers' vision (it was Karel who came up with the name) hasn't come true except in the movies.

It was the humanoid fallacy. In more recent movies human-seeming robots are even tragic figures, like Arnold Schwarzenegger's version of the 'Terminator', or Roy Batty, the android anti-hero of 'Blade Runner', reminiscing sadly

as he dies...

"I've seen things you people wouldn't believe. Attack ships on fire off the shoulder of Orion. I watched C-beams glitter in the dark near the Tannhäuser Gate. All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain. Time to die."

Great stuff, but robot arms and self-driving vehicles don't talk like that. Those are the real robots, and generally they don't talk at all. And obviously they don't wipe out the human race. Just the jobs.

Automation 1.0 replaced most of the workers on assembly lines with machines that didn't make Monday-morning mistakes, didn't join trade unions, didn't even have to be paid. The factories are mostly still there, churning out goods, but the well-paid jobs are largely gone and the big industrial cities are decaying into 'rust belts'.

Automation 2.0 is mostly online, and it's focussed on retail. The department stores were mostly gone even before Covid and the smaller shops are going now, swallowed up by Amazon and its many smaller rivals.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



At least this time some new jobs are being created as well: minimum-wage, zero-hours jobs, mostly in warehouses, distribution centres and delivery services. The proportion of the population who are classed as 'working poor' is growing in every developed countries, with political radicalization the predictable result, so far mostly to the right.

Automation 3.0 is almost here, and the new targets this time will be managerial and professional jobs – not all of them, of course, but whole layers of middle management in business and lesser-skilled positions in medicine, law, accountancy and allied trades. Killer algorithms are rampaging through the community, and there's not a Robocop in sight.

In fact, this pattern is familiar to those who study the history of the original industrial revolution in England. The goods – shoes, tools, woven and knitted clothing – that were produced by independent and skilled craftsmen and women with reasonable incomes in 1750 were being made in factories by low-skilled wage slaves with almost no bargaining power by 1850.

Three generations after that trade unions and the welfare state began to narrow the yawning gap between the rich and the rest again, and the latter half of the 20th century was the best time in a long time for ordinary people in most places. Now the human skills are once more being usurped by the machines and the gaps are opening up again.

We are not doomed to simply recapitulate the past. Knowing what worked and what didn't last time could help us to avoid the worst outcomes this time. That's why we are hearing a lot about 'basic income' and expansions of the welfare state to ease the transition this time. But there's not much actually happening – and we're not even at 'true' AI yet.

Real AI will arrive in some form in the not-too-distant future, but predicting its social and political impact is hard. As hard as it would have been for the Čapek brothers and their audience to foresee in 1921 what robotics would really mean for people in 2021.

Meet the new boss

I don't really follow American politics – at least not at the level people in that country would.

If I'm going to follow politics it's going to be about the people on Parliament Hill who's decisions could affect my life.

However the recent presidential election in the U.S. and subsequent Broadway show of theatrics that followed over the next couple of months was hard to miss.

The new president, Joe Biden, seems to be a decent guy. He has a lot of experience in politics, and at the very least, he seems to be able to appear presidential in terms of conducting himself in a place of high office.

During the presidential inauguration, which is a big deal in the States, Biden said in his speech, it is "A day of history and hope, of renewal and resolve"

Yes, a time of 'renewal.' That sounds familiar.

Going back over the past 60 years, lets take a look at the theme of inaugural speeches by incoming presidents.

John F. Kennedy 1961 - "Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us - signifying renewal as well as change."

Lyndon Johnson 1965 - "We say "Farewell." Is a new world coming? We welcome it—and we will bend it to the hopes of man."

Richard Nixon 1969 - "We are torn by division, wanting unity."

Gerald Ford 1974 - "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over."

Jimmy Carter 1977 - "This inauguration ceremony marks a new beginning, a new dedication within our government and a new spirit

among us all."

Ronald Reagan 1981 - "We must act today in order to preserve tomorrow. And let there be no misunderstanding: We are going to begin to act, beginning today."

George H.W. Bush 1989 - "The new breeze blows, a page turns, the story unfolds."

Bill Clinton 1993 - "And so today we pledge an end to the era of deadlock and drift, and a new season of American renewal has begun."

George W. Bush 2001 - "I will work to build a single nation of justice and opportunity."

Barack Obama 2009 - "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

Donald Trump 2017 - "We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and restore its promise for all of our people."

There is a definite theme of change, unity, renewal, and rebuilding in all of those speeches.

To be fair, there's not much else an incoming president could say.

It's not like a president is going to get up there and proclaim "Things are going well. When I take over I'm going to continue the status quo."

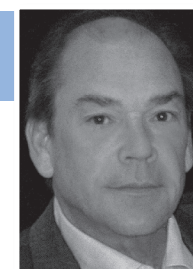
It seems that over six decades, no one has been able to unite the country – at least not according to every new administration.

I think our cousins south of the border are envious of our commonwealth status. They really want a King, not a president.

They refer to the Kennedy administration as Camelot and compare Jackie to a queen.

There are constant royal references in the media.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



There's the King of Rock n' Roll, King of Pop, Queen of Soul, Queen of Pop, Queen of Disco, Roy and Dale as Queen of the West and King of the cowboys, Queen of Country music, King of country music, Queen of Bluegrass, Hollywood royalty, Hollywood's reigning Queen, and the list goes on.

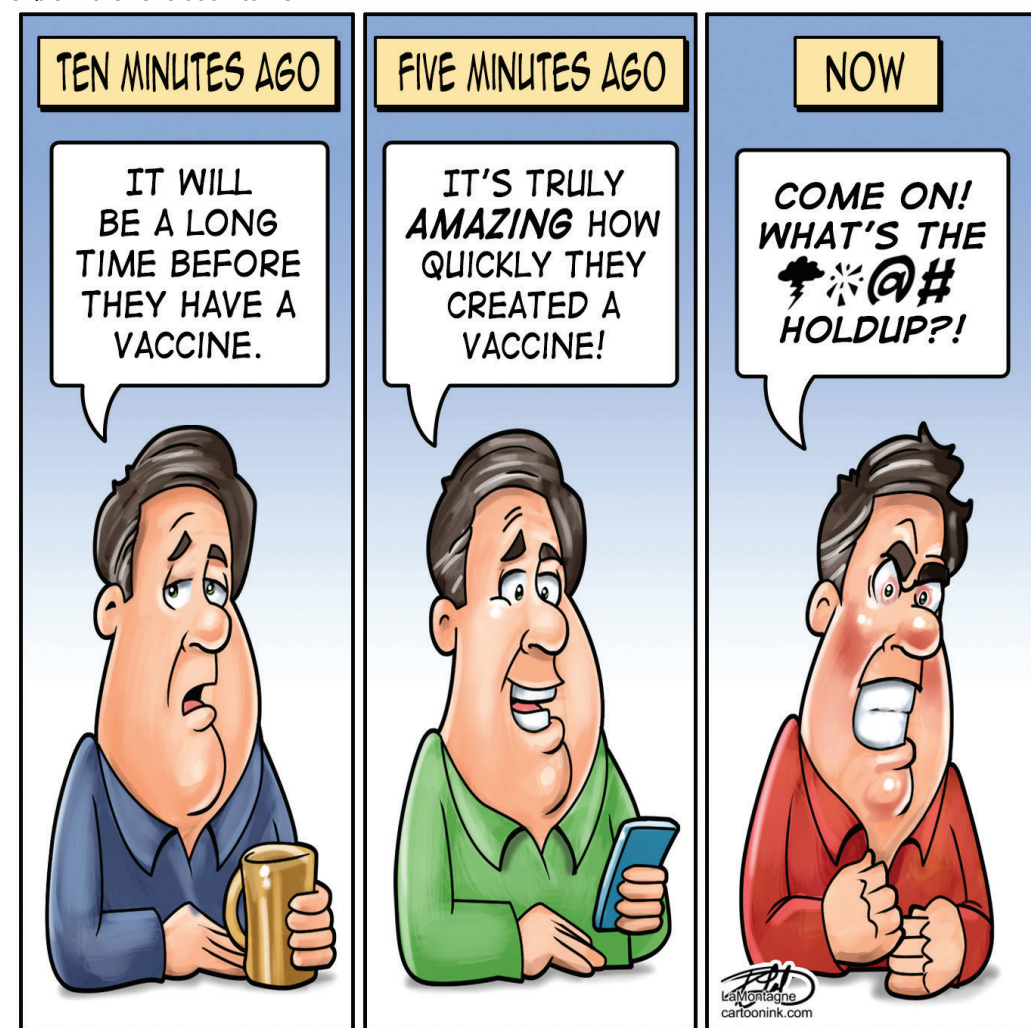
I once saw an interview where a 'celebrity' asked why more Americans hadn't been knighted by the Queen. The interviewer had to explain the revolution to her.

Well, they don't have a Queen or a King who rules for life.

They have a president who is in charge, four years at a time.

Whether Joe Biden can unite the country remains to be seen.

But it reminds me of a song: "Meet the new boss, same as the old boss."



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Dufferin OPP welcomes new commander, Insp. Terry Ward

Written By Fatima Baig

The Dufferin Detachment of the OPP welcomed their new Commander, Insp. Terry Ward on Jan. 11, 2021.

Insp. Ward believes in community policing and because of that, Orangeville will see an increase in foot patrol and visibility.

"I am a firm believer in community policing. You will see an increase in foot patrol, you will see an increase in visibility and I think that speaks volumes for creating a safe environment where the citizens in Orangeville will feel safe and secure," he said.

Moving forward Insp. Ward wants to provide "efficient delivery of programs for the community of Orangeville to provide the best public safety that we can."

Along with changes such as increased foot patrol and visibility, Orangeville is establishing a major crime unit, said Insp. Ward.

"Orangeville will have a major crime unit, were going to have a community street crime unit that will focus specifically on drugs and property crimes. They are going to see a

good result from this unit within Orangeville and Dufferin County," he noted.

Insp. Ward wants to focus on two aspects of policing – education and enforcement.

"We're going to educate with property crimes, drugs and all that stuff but we're also going to have that enforcement piece such as traffic safety, drugs," he noted.

Insp. Ward believes community policing is an important part of educating the public, which is done through the lock it or lose it program, media releases, and social media.

Since OPP has taken over policing in Orangeville, challenges they face locally are learning the standards of the OPP.

Insp. Ward said, "the officers that were with Orangeville police now work for the OPP, so they know how to be police officers. The challenge for them is learning the OPP way of doing business."

However, the changes in how they operate won't affect policing.

"It's not that policing changes it's just that maybe the reporting structure is a bit different, our job is to do the best we can in pro-

viding public safety for the community," said insp. Ward.

Going forward, the OPP plans to uphold its vision and values.

"Our vision is a safe community to secure Ontario and within Orangeville we plan to complete our mission which is to serve our province by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety," said Insp. Ward.

He first began his career with OPP 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 front-line Sergeant and as the S/Sgt Operations Manager at the Collingwood Detachment.

Ward is also a recipient of a Commissioner's Commendation and a Police Exemplary Service Medal.

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



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OPP support national meth strategy

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is just one of the many Canadian police services working with the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime (CIROC), that are collaborating to educate, protect and inform the public about the negative impacts of methamphetamine and other synthetic drugs. Methamphetamine is pervasive in all of our communities and has contributed to crimes of violence and property crimes. The numbers of methamphetamine seizures in Canada has continued to increase since 2010 and poses a threat to the safety and well-being of our communities.

The OPP will be sharing posters, information cards and community safety videos to help educate the public and community agencies. These resources as well as other additional information can be found by visiting the Central Region OPP social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook.

Methamphetamine and synthetic drug labs can be found anywhere. Indicators of a lab may include:

- Suspicious activity, secretive behavior and individuals who may avoid neighbour interactions
- Occupants attend for short time periods and at odd hours
- Chemical odours
- Garbage contains numerous chemical containers, glassware, bags full of soil or garbage are never put out
- Location has excessive security
- Evidence of chemical dumping grounds on or near premises (burn pits or dead spots on lawn)
- Windows covered
- Odd items being brought inside the location - equipment, glassware, chemical drums, etc.

The OPP encourages social media followers to share the messages and information in order to help educate other members within your community of the potential indicators of methamphetamine and synthetic drug labs as well as the dangers methamphetamine and synthetic drug production poses within our communities.

If you see indicators of a methamphetamine or synthetic drug lab, remain at a safe distance, do not approach suspects and call your local detachment at 1-888-310-1122. If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

During the campaign, OPP will deliver imperative information to our communities to raise awareness and concern in an effort to make a collaborative and positive change in our neighbourhoods.

All SPS officers rehired to OPP that applied

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When Shelburne Police Service (SPS) makes the transition to OPP come Feb. 18, Shelburne residents can expect to see familiar faces.

Confirmed last week, all members of the Shelburne Police force who applied for the transition to the Ontario Provincial Police

(OPP), will be making the transfer.

Residents, prior to the decision by Town Council to transition, raised concerns at a public information session with the OPP regarding expected levels of service. OPP Sgt. Ken Kee told residents at the meeting that they should expect to see the same faces policing the community, should the transition to OPP happen. Shelburne Town Council voted unanimously to transition to

OPP on July 15, 2020.

"It was a big day," said SPS Const. Jennifer Roach, who confirmed that everyone who had applied was successful. "It's a lot of stress off of our shoulders."

The transition to OPP will include 12 former SPS uniformed officers, and one civilian.

SPS will transition to OPP on Feb. 18, 2021.



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- 27. Wine sediment
- 29. Card game of yore
- 30. Mariner
- 31. Sound of doubt
- 33. "My ____" (Culkin film)
- 35. Fugitive from prison
- 36. Lunar body
- 37. Cookery verb
- 39. Cloth shred
- 40. Former French coin
- 44. Head cavity
- 48. Approaching
- 49. Coil
- 50. Simple
- 51. Snappish
- 52. Fortune
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- 54. Tremble with fear
- 56. Give out
- 57. Woman's undergarment
- 58. Go to General Hospital?
- 59. Typing-speed abbr.
- 60. Kingly
- 65. Stroll
- 68. Would work
- 70. Large deer
- 72. Of bees
- 73. Trattoria sauce
- 75. Yodeler's home
- 76. Handle roughly
- 78. Take a chance
- 79. Cleaning tool
- 80. WWII agency
- 81. Bowling-frame number
- 83. Ribbed fabric

ACROSS

- 1. Like army garb, e.g.
- 5. Neckwear
- 10. Informal language
- 15. Swindle
- 16. Concorde, e.g.
- 17. Freshman's hat
- 18. Fish-eating bird
- 19. Pastry
- 20. Kindle
- 21. Smart
- 23. High-school dance
- 24. Gent
- 25. Pouch, in physiology
- 26. And
- 28. Well-being
- 32. Storybook monster
- 34. Metronomic speed
- 38. Traipse
- 39. Turn in
- 41. Sweet-and-____

DOWN

- 42. College quarters
- 43. Hepburn or Streep
- 45. Breakfast flake type
- 46. Remorse
- 47. Lacking reason
- 49. Expression of happiness
- 54. Cut short
- 55. Male sovereign
- 57. Cry lustily
- 61. Enormous
- 62. List of corrections
- 63. Completely developed
- 64. Theater attendant
- 66. Stalemates
- 67. Praline nut
- 69. Hymn finisher
- 71. Baseball headgear
- 74. Greet silently
- 75. Bullets and bombs
- 77. Grumble
- 79. Cause for actions

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- 82. Union group
- 84. Spoonbill's cousin
- 85. Top popper
- 86. Heart rate
- 87. Lath
- 88. Jury, e.g.
- 89. Saw logs
- 90. Gambling game

DOWN

- 1. Fischer's specialty
- 2. Chief artery
- 3. Stuffed pasta
- 4. Steers
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BIG WINNER: Ayrton Platt won first place for the Best Snowman Contest in Grand Valley with his all-Canadian theme, featuring the snowman version of Dion Phaneuf. Businesses in Grand Valley sponsored the event and winners received gift cards.

Council votes to have permit parking spaces reduced at William Street lot

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne residents will be seeing changes to parking in the downtown core.

Shelburne town council, during their meeting on Monday (Jan. 25), approved a “hybrid” solution to parking in the William Street lot following a report from Clerk Jennifer Willoughby. The hybrid solution, based on recommendations from the Shelburne BIA, will see 19 of the current 28 permitted spaces at the William Street parking lot become public.

“Parking in the downtown core has continued to be challenging for many years in Shelburne,” noted Willoughby at the beginning of her report to council.

Shelburne’s BIA, approached town council at their last meeting on Jan. 7, looking to modify parking in the downtown core after concerns were raised about employees of local businesses parking on Main Street and Owen Sound Street in spaces intended for customers.

The BIA in 2017 requested Town staff seek solutions to the three-hour parking limit in the William Street parking lot and in consultation with the BIA and Economic

Development Committee (EDC) approved a parking permit system as a pilot project.

Shelburne BIA, in their proposal, are now suggesting eliminating parking permits in the William Street lot, allowing for maximum time of four-hour free parking for community members to access stores and restaurants on main street.

Parking at the Wellington Street lot would remain free all-day with residential tenants having the ability to purchase overnight parking permits. Parking permit holders at the William Street lot would be transferred to the Wellington Street lot and overnight parking permit would be valid from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. On street parking would remain at a three-hour maximum.

The town receives an annual revenue of \$4,980.53 from parking permits at the William Street and Wellington Street lots.

“Staff are recommending an increase in the monthly permit parking fee to \$35.00 per month which is approximately \$1.17 per day, there is an opportunity purchase those permits at \$420.00 for the year, inclusive of HST,” said Willoughby. “The loss of revenue from the William Street lot will be collected by the additional permits to be sold in the Wellington Street lot.”

Amaranth Council has voted in a new council member

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Amaranth council has filled its vacant council seat, voting in candidate Steve Niedzwiecki.

“Ballot results are in, please join in welcoming Mr. Steve Niedzwiecki as the newest council member to the Township of Amaranth,” reads the Townships announcement.

Amaranth council held a special meeting on Tuesday (Jan. 26) via Zoom, to vote in a new council member to fill the vacant seat left after the resignation of former councillor Mark Tjessen. Tjessen formally resigned from council in September of last year, citing the Amaranth council was a “negative” and “toxic” work environment. Amaranth began calling for nominees for the position in November.

Five nominees were considered for appointment to fill the vacant seat - Susan Graham, Todd Whittington, Percy Way, Cindy Baigent and Steve Niedzwiecki. Each nominee was given time to speak to council,

pitching themselves for the position.

Coun. Heather Foster asked each nominee the same question.

“This council, to put it mildly, is a contentious council, which is why we have the opening for a councillor at this point in time. We’ve had some major challenges such as budget, among other things, what would you bring to this council that would be a positive influence,” questioned Foster.

Foster also addressed if nominees would have problems “dealing with a council that has these issues” for the remainder of the council term.

Following the presentation from the candidates and the questions from council, the four Amaranth councillor casted their private ranked ballots, voting for each candidate.

Ballots were counted by CAO and Clerk, Nicole Martin who called Niedzwiecki as the winner.

Niedzwiecki will be sworn in at the next regular council meeting on Feb. 3.

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Dufferin County: 9 (New cases), 43 (Active cases), 2 (Hospital)	Orangeville: 23 (Active cases)
Jan. 22 (Friday)	
WDG Region: 70 (New cases), 460 (Active cases), 11 (Hospital)	
Dufferin County: 3 (New cases), 41 (Active cases), 2 (Hospital)	
Shelburne: 3 (Active cases)	
Orangeville: 24 (Active cases)	
Jan. 25 (Monday)	
WDG Region: 149 (New cases), 480 (Active cases), 11 (Hospital)	
Dufferin County: 11 (New cases), 40 (Active cases), 2 (Hospital)	
Shelburne: 4 (Active cases)	
Orangeville: 17 (Active cases)	
Jan. 26 (Tuesday)	
WDG Region: 42 (New cases), 466 (Active cases), 11 (Hospital)	
Dufferin County: 0 (New cases), 35 (Active cases), 3 (Hospital)	
Shelburne: 3 (Active cases)	
Orangeville: 19 (Active cases)	
Jan. 27 (Wednesday)	
WDG Region: 39 (New cases), 434 (Active cases), 12 (Hospital)	
Dufferin County: 1 (New cases), 28 (Active cases), 2 (Hospital)	
Shelburne: 4 (Active cases)	
Orangeville: 17 (Active cases)	

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Hospital staffer retires after relative gets vaccinated without appointment

Written By Sam Odrowski

Headwaters Health Care Centre is apologizing to the community, following an incident where a staff director had one of their elderly relatives vaccinated against COVID-19 at a recent clinic solely designated for health care workers.

The incident happened on Jan. 12 and the staff director in question retired on Jan. 19, after being on paid leave while an investigation was carried out.

Headwaters CEO and president, Kim Delahunt said that the vaccination of a non-health care worker was an isolated incident and procedures are in place to prevent it from happening again.

"This was an error in judgement by one staff director and is not part of our hospital's protocols. We have implemented additional processes to ensure that we follow provincial and public health guidelines," she noted.

"We are engaging leaders, staff and phy-

sicians in supplementary education about our Ethical Decision-Making Framework to ensure similar situations never arise in any future vaccination clinics that we may have the opportunity to partner in."

Since news first broke of the non-health care worker being vaccinated at a designated clinic, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), which represents more than 25,000 healthcare workers in the Province, released a statement saying Headwaters response is too accommodating for such a grave breach of protocol.

"She had to go," said OPSEU President Warren Thomas. "But the hospital leadership must take this more seriously. When someone in management commits such a serious breach in protocol and then walks away with a retirement deal, it won't send a strong enough message to other managers who may decide to exercise their retirement or severance option."

"The same people who got passed in the

vaccine queue are some of the same taxpayers who are paying for her severance package," he added.

It's important to note, the staff director who's stepped down did pay into a provincial pension plan during their career at Headwaters.

A total of 47 staff and physicians at the local hospital have tested positive for COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

On Jan. 14, 220 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were provided to Headwaters Hospital staff and additional doses have been offered at different vaccination clinics.

Headwaters has a team of over 800 staff and 160 physicians.

The vaccine program is currently voluntary, so health care workers make the choice for themselves, if they should get vaccinated.

Delahunt reiterated her regret for the incident happening and said she's glad the issue was addressed.

"This was an error in judgement by one staff director and is not part of our hospital's protocols.

-Kim Delahunt
Headwaters CEO

"We apologize on behalf of the hospital. This was an isolated incident and not within our protocols. We have implemented additional processes to ensure we do things differently going forward," she noted.

"This incident reinforces that in a healthy workplace culture it's good and appropriate for people to speak up, either in the moment or after the fact.

"We appreciate staff raising the concern so we could investigate it."



FILE PHOTO

CDRC starts process of removing ice from arena

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) has made the decision to remove its ice surface as the province wide lockdown forces closure of the local recreation centre.

The decision to remove the ice surface was made last Monday (Jan. 18) by Chris Gerrits, chair of the CDRC board of management, and staff at the arena citing uncertainty for the remainder of the ice season.

"There would be no guarantees that we would definitely be able to offer anything come February or whenever the lockdown is supposed to be lifted," said Gerrits. "There's the possibility it could be extended or that it could be dialled back a bit, but no guarantee that the rec centre will be able to be open again."

Gerrits also noted the decision was made due to the operations costs to keep the ice surface in, while not in use.

"It comes down to the feasibility of continuing to operate a plant, to keep the ice surface in and the cost associated with that, for an entire month without having anything coming in," Gerrits told the Free Press. "With COVID, we're losing more money than normal and so the responsible thing was to not operate an ice plant for an entire month with no money coming in."

The CDRC was originally closed on March 16 of last year, after Ontario enacted a declaration of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDRC board of management made the decision back in September to have the ice put for the season after being approached by Skate Canada Shelburne and

Shelburne Minor Hockey.

Gerrits said with the removal of the ice it is the end of winter programming at the rec centre.

With the province lockdown both user groups, Shelburne Minor Hockey and Skate Canada Shelburne told the Free Press they had made the decision to end their seasons prior to the decision to remove the ice.

"Everything that's been going on with respect to the COVID numbers, it presented a significant risk for us, and Shelburne Minor Hockey doesn't want to be the cause of any spread with COVID," said President Mike Scace. "In terms of player safety and the type of hockey that we were going to be able to provide, we just had made the decision that we weren't going to run Shelburne Minor Hockey for the rest of this season."

"It was a mutual decision with lots of discussion between the arena, arena board, and user groups. It was the right decision to make with the cost it takes to keep the ice in," said Bill McCutcheon, chairman of Skate Canada Shelburne. "It's not an inexpensive thing to keep pace in that facility, especially when nobody is using it."

Shelburne Coun. Lindsay Wegner, who sits on the CDRC board of management, said in a Facebook post that she approached town staff in increasing the number of outdoor rinks in town. Unrelated, public works has been working on constructing two more outdoor rinks in town.

Despite the current closure of the CDRC, Gerrits said they are still planning for full summer programming, with day camps and the swimming pool. The CDRC is advertising for lifeguards and day camp hires.

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Fire breaks out at Shelburne home

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Fire Chief Ralph Snyder says no one was injured in a house fire that broke out at a residence in Shelburne earlier this week.

The fire broke out in the afternoon on Tuesday (Jan. 26) at a residence located on Owen Sound St.

All occupants of the home were evacuated safely, with no injuries. Damages to the home include smoke and the loss of the garage and several snowmobiles.

Snyder says the fire was mostly contained to the attached garage of the home and that an "aggressive, offensive attack" by Shelburne firefighters stopped the progression of the fire before it compromised the residence.

Damages are estimated in excess of \$200,000.

For fire safety information from the Government of Canada, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/home-safety/fire-safety> and view the posted information.

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Emma Marie Collins passed away in the early morning of December 5, 2020, in Vancouver, Washington. She had been battling a rare progressive disease since her mid 20's and fought hard through multiple painful hospitalizations and surgeries, but she finally lost the war.

Emma was born in Toronto, Canada, and her family moved to Mulmur Township when she was just over a year old. She attended the Mulmur Cooperative Playschool, Shelburne Junior School, the old junior school and Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School in Creemore, Ontario, as well as Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne before

moving with her family to Portland, Oregon, where she graduated with honors from Franklin High School. She attended the University of Southern Oregon for 2 years and then switched to Portland State University, where she got her degree in English literature. Emma then entered the graduate Librarianship program at Dalhousie University in Halifax. She was only a couple of credits short of her Master's degree, when the progressive ravages of HSN1E finally made it impossible for her to continue her education.

Emma was a medal-winning gymnast with the Orangeville Gymnastics club, she ran on the cross-country team at Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School, and she was a member of the golf team and the dragon boat team at Franklin High School. She loved the Cowboy Junkies and baby Alice and her dog Mary and owls and the patterns trees made in the sky and handmade earrings and writing and drawing and oatmeal cookies and ginger tea and her best friends Liza and Alex. What Emma enjoyed most though was lying on the back of her pony Bullet and reading a book as he grazed his way around the pasture field on the home farm on the Centre Road.

Emma loved and was loved by her family. She leaves behind not only her parents William (Bill) Collins of Kelowna, B.C., and Kyra Collins of Clatskanie, Oregon, but also her sister Christina Nikiforuk of Surrey, B.C. and her brothers Matthew Collins of Wellington, Florida, and Michael Collins of Portland, Oregon. Emma will also be sorely missed by her grand-parents William and Jean Collins of Kelowna, B.C., her aunt Marni Collins of Toronto, Ontario, and her beloved uncle Dimitry Struve of Santa Cruz, California, as well as her cousin Rosie Struve of Milwaukie, Oregon. She touched the lives of many people on her brief journey through this life.

There will be a private family gathering to honour Emma once the pandemic makes traveling safe again. Donations in Emma's name can be made to the HSN1E Society at: <https://hsan1esociety.org/>

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Police Board appoints first BIPOC vice chair

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



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Shelburne resident Althea Alli has been appointed as the new vice chair of the Shelburne Police Service Board – becoming the first woman of colour in the community to hold the position.

Speaking with the Free Press about her reaction to the new role, Alli admitted she was still absorbing it but that she was “completely honoured to be in the position.”

“I’m humbled and honoured to be in the position, and of course have a voice for the more marginalized and the racialized community,” said Alli. “It is a great honour that I’m able to stand and speak on behalf of them, I do hope to learn more and to understand from my community their concerns.”

Alli was appointed to the Police Service Board last Tuesday (Jan. 19), after previously serving as a provincial appointee on the board. She has been on the local Police Service Board since 2019.

Working as the Shelter Director of Choice’s Youth Shelter in Orangeville, Alli said with her new role she is hoping to demonstrate a “strong female leadership” to female youth and youth in the community.

“I’m in a position where I can be a leader for other young females to know that if it’s something you want to do, go ahead and do it...To work hard for the things that you want and to become leaders to the next generation.”

Municipal Police Service Board’s oversee how policing is provided in their local community and work with residents and organizations to ensure the community is receiving appropriate policing needs. The Town Shelburne, has been working on tackling diversity and inclusion at a municipal level since June of 2020, developing an Anti-Black Racism, Anti-Racism and Dis-

crimination Taskforce, which Alli is also vice chair of.

“It really is a great position to be in,” said Alli. “Being able to tackle some of those racialized issues that are creating barriers.”

Shelburne Police Service (SPS) Const. Jennifer Roach, was part of the meeting where Alli was appointed vice chair, and was the one to point out her achievement as the first woman and women of colour to hold the position.

“I was very proud of her for that moment, it’s an important role and it was a big deal for Althea to join the police service board as it was, and then to be lifted into the rank of vice chair,” said Roach.

“With the current climate with policing she lends a view that some else may not. Althea brings diversity between gender and being a person of colour that no one else can really speak to and in the current climate of policing it’s important that her voice is going to be heard with the OPP.”

Const. Roach herself is currently the only female officer on the Shelburne Police force and was the first female President of the Shelburne Police Association. Roach has held the position as president, which represents the uniform members and civilians of the SPS, for almost four years; serv-

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—Althea Alli
Police Services Board Vice Chair

ing two terms unopposed.

Roach also spoke about the need for representation of women in leadership roles for young women in the community.

“For the community, to see not just a female Association President but hand-in-hand with being a female officer is very important for our young girls to see that the opportunities are endless for them,” said Roach. “It’s important for young girls, but also for the young boys in our community to also see that gender doesn’t matter.”

Roach will work as the president of the Shelburne Police Association until Feb. 18, when they transition to OPP. Shelburne Police Service Board meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE
NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING
UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has received a complete application for a Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. Z20/03) and 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 an Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007. Take notice that the application has been deemed complete so that it can be circulated and reviewed.

The property subject to the proposed Amendment is municipally known as 302 First Avenue East. The property is designated as Residential in the Official Plan and zoned Residential Type Two (R2) in the Zoning By-law. The accompanying map illustrates the location of the land subject to the proposed Amendment.

The purpose and effect of the Amendment is to rezone the property from Residential Type Two (R2) Zone to Residential Type Four (R4) Zone and a new site-specific Residential Type Two Exception (R2-#) Zone. The applicant has also submitted a Consent application (B20/06) for the purpose of creating a new residential lot to be severed from the existing property. The proposed Amendment applies to both the severed and retained land. The application is proposing site-specific provisions for the retained lot to recognize the existing exterior side yard (0.7 metre) and to permit a reduced rear yard (6.4m metres) for the existing attached garage, and to permit a converted dwelling with 3 dwelling units with tandem parking permitted for the purposes of satisfying the parking requirements. The application also proposes to re-zone the proposed severed lot to R4.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the public 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 Clerk at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Thursday February 4th, 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-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-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.



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Water and Sewer

Please take notice that an increase in the Water and Sewer Base Rate Charges and Consumption Charges will take effect the first invoice of 2021 to be received in March 2021 for the consumption period (January 1-March 1, 2021).

Rate increases for both Water and Sewer are outlined in By-Law 2020-10 Water and Sewer Rates passed by Council in February 2020. The By-Law provides for rate increases for the years 2020-2025 and are reflective of data collected in the updated Water Rate Study with respect to future water and sewer operating and capital needs.

Water and Sewer Consumption Rates:

Increasing Block Rate measure in meters cubed	2021 Sewer Consumption Rate	2021 Water Consumption Rate
000-220	1.20	0.78
221-690	1.32	0.86
690 and greater	1.49	0.97

Water and Sewer Base Rates:

Size of Meter	2021 Sewer Base fee	2021 Water Base Fee
5/8" or 3/4"	31.47	25.71
1"	78.68	64.29

For larger Commercial and Industrial Water Meters, please visit: www.shelburne.ca for further details.

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HUDDLE UP: Organizers of Huddle Up for Hunter, a local initiative supporting the family of a three year-old who was diagnosed with leukemia in October, announced that they raised \$3165.20 through their bottle drive held at the beginning of January. The one month fundraising efforts have now totalled \$18,000. The Shelburne Legion helped to make the fundraising effort possible.

Shelburne Library shares news

Despite the lockdown, the Shelburne Public Library is very happy to still provide safe curbside pickup appointments for its patrons. Please call 519-925-2168 or email us at info@shelburnelibrary.ca for assistance.

Due to the current Lockdown, we have had to put our video taping of our Community Readers on hold for the time being. We will resume as soon as we are able.

Teen Scene:

The winner of the Teen #WinterReads2021 will be announced at the beginning of next week, so make sure to get as many books logged as you can by January 31!

Celebrate Black Authors Challenge:

For the month of February, Teens can participate in the Celebrate Black Authors Challenge! If you check out a book by a Black author, you will receive 1 ballot into the draw for a signed copy of Angie Thomas' Concrete Rose. If you send in a review of the books you've been reading to jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca, you can earn 2 extra ballots per book! To coincide with this challenge, YOUR Library will be highlighting books by Black authors weekly on our YouTube channel, to help your TBR piles grow!

Children's Programs:

Please contact us and we can put together a specially curated bag of books for your child. Email the ages and interests of your child to children@shelburnelibrary.ca and we will happily pick out a selection

of books for you.

The Children's Library has also purchased a copy of every Forest of Reading book for 2020-2021. If you need assistance to find out which books are in your child's Forest of Reading age bracket, we can help you determine that as well.

We are live on Facebook every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm for Sleepy Story Time! Please join us this week for a bedtime story so that we can connect virtually say hello.

Story Time—Each month we send home the month's worth of crafts and activities that accompany our pre-recorded Story Time videos. These videos are released once a week on Fridays, but are always available on YouTube for your family to enjoy when your schedule allows.

Look out for our February online sign up which will be released the last week of January. This program fills up fast so please keep an eye on our Facebook page to reserve your bag of supplies.

New Books:

You can browse all our new books if you login to our catalogue! www.shelburnelibrary.ca. On Tuesdays, Jade and Rose post a new a video on our YouTube channel and review new books they have read. Check it out! This week the books are *Minding the Garden* by Brian Bixley and *Stranger in the Lake* by Kimberly Belle.

NOTICE

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DUFFERIN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Dufferin Mutual Insurance Company will be held, virtually, on Thursday March 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. to:

- Receive the Annual Reports (Chair, President & CEO, Financial Statements, etc.)
- Appoint Auditors
- Ratify the Acts of the Board of Directors
- Elect Directors (two Directors; each for three year terms)
- Conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Corporation's audited annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 will be available on the Corporation's website (www.dufferinmutual.com) 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. A member of the Corporation may also obtain a copy by sending a written request to the Secretary of the Corporation at 802 Main Street East, Unit 4, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z5 at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Details on how to join the meeting virtually will be available on our website one month prior to the meeting (www.dufferinmutual.com).

To receive an application to apply for a Director's position, please send the request in writing to the Head Office of the Corporation at 802 Main Street East, Unit 4, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z5. You can also request an application by email from the Secretary of the Corporation at eforbes@dufferinmutual.com. Completed applications can be returned via mail or email for receipt by the Corporation no later than February 18, 2021.

There are currently two candidates who have qualified (as of this date), to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Those who are currently qualified and endorsed by the nominating committee are: Guy Gardhouse and Mark Hannon.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions member of the Corporation are not permitted to access the Corporation's Head Office. However, the Corporation's By-Laws (including, those portions that relate to Qualifications of Directors) are available, in electronic format, on request. Members may request a copy of the By-Laws from the Secretary of the Corporation at eforbes@dufferinmutual.com.

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