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**OPP TRANSITION:** Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officially made the transition to police the Town of Shelburne last Thursday (Feb.18). Members of the OPP, to mark the transition and show their new presence in the town took the time to walk along Main Street. (Pictured is OPP Const. Bruce Lemcke, Dufferin Detachment Insp. Terry Ward, and Staff Sgt. Anton Jelich).

## Shelburne officially transitions to OPP

Written By **Paula Brown**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It was a day marked with mixed emotions, as the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officially took over responsibilities of policing in Shelburne last Thursday (Feb. 18).

"On one hand we're saying good bye to an institution that's proudly and bravely served our community for 142 years and that's always going to be a difficult moment to get through," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills. "But, looking to the future I think we as a community can be pretty optimistic about what to expect."

Last July, Shelburne Town Council voted unanimously in favour of bringing OPP into the community, disbanding the Shelburne Police Service (SPS) who have policed the town for 141 years. At the time of the decision, Mayor Mills said it was no longer financially sustainable to maintain the municipal force.

Shelburne Town Council, in early 2020, asked for a second costing proposal after initial voting to keep the local force. An estimated annual budget for the first three years of the transition contract with OPP is \$2.85 million, plus a one-time start-up fee of \$417,913 for uniforms, vehicles and equipment, bringing first-year costs to approximately \$3.2 million.

All officers from the Shelburne Police Service who applied for a position with the OPP were hired on.

"We're going to be seeing the same familiar faces back in town, just in different uniforms. I think that the community can certainly take some comfort in that," said Mills.

"They're going to be supported and backed up by a huge organization with all the financing and all the resources that come with that. It's the kind of resources that we just could not afford to provide them as a municipality."

Dufferin OPP Detachment Commander Insp. Terry Ward, OPP Staff Sgt. Anton Jelich, and Mayor Wade Mills, on Thursday, to mark the official transition walked along the main street of Shelburne.

"It's familiarization, but it's also just visibility," said Ward about the significance of the walk. "We want to make sure that the citizens of Shelburne realize that the OPP is now the policing service in town and moving forward the expectation is going to be a high level of visibility."

Joining the group was Dufferin OPP Detachment Const. Bruce Lemcke, whose father Carman Lemcke was Chief of Police in Shelburne from 1956 to 1993.

"It was heartwarming to be able to walk the same streets as my dad did," said Const. Lemcke.

The now former SPS officers will be attending the OPP academy in Orillia over the next two weeks. Insp. Ward said a schedule has been established with officers from the Dufferin Detachment and the surrounding area to continue policing while the local officers are off being trained.

Const. Lemcke, who does foot patrol and community service in Orangeville, said part of his duties will be to patrol in town over the next two weeks.

"Having somebody like Bruce, who is a known entity in the Town, lives in Shelburne, was born and raised here, having him kind of be the ambassador off the bat is helpful. One of the concerns that was expressed by the community was the personal touch we've grown used to may be lost and it'll be a faceless, nameless police service," said Mills. "Well, day one here is somebody we all know as a neighbour, I think that goes a long way in instilling confidence in the communities, that personal, local connection is still going to be maintained."

Dufferin County will now entirely be policed under the OPP. Ongoing investigations will become part of the OPP case files.

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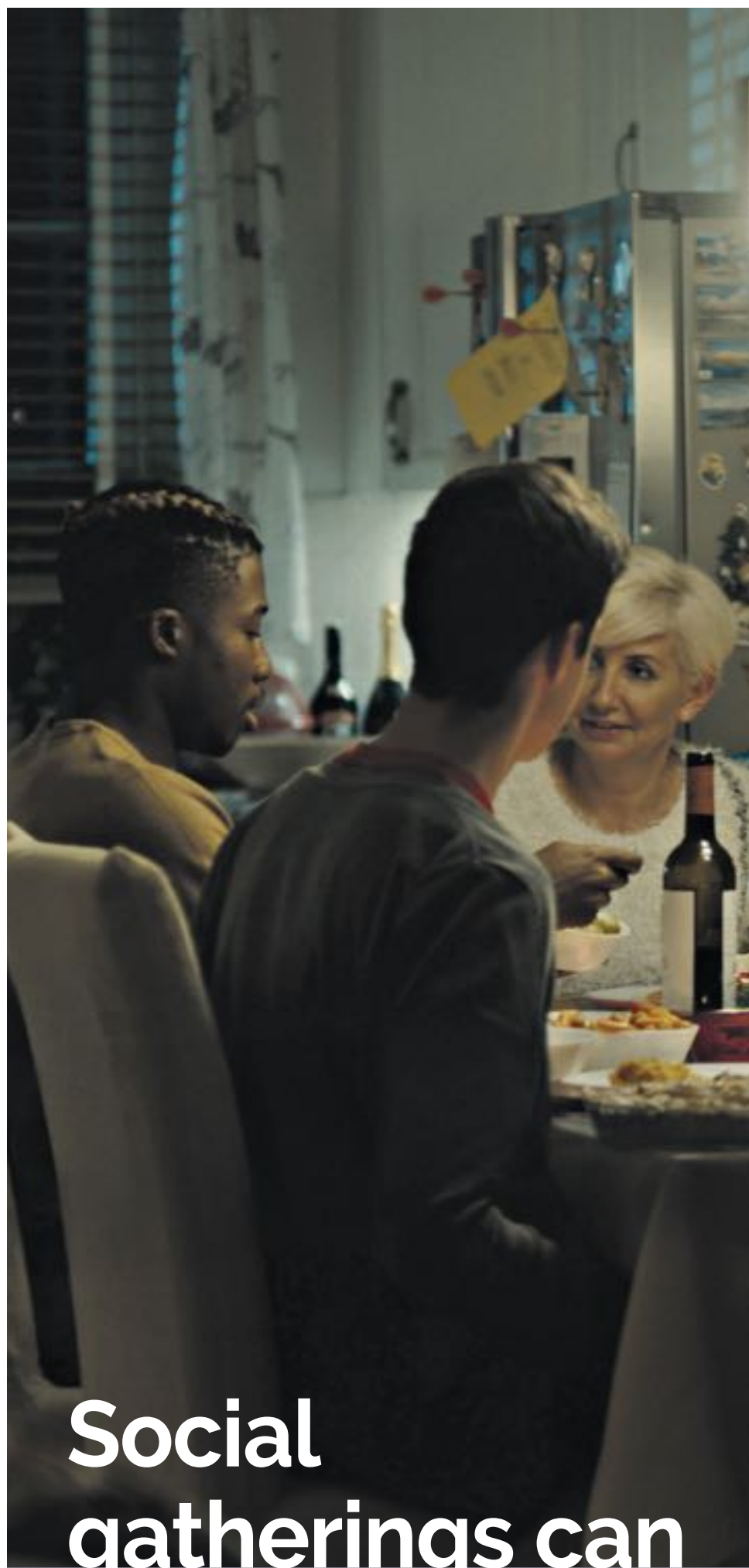
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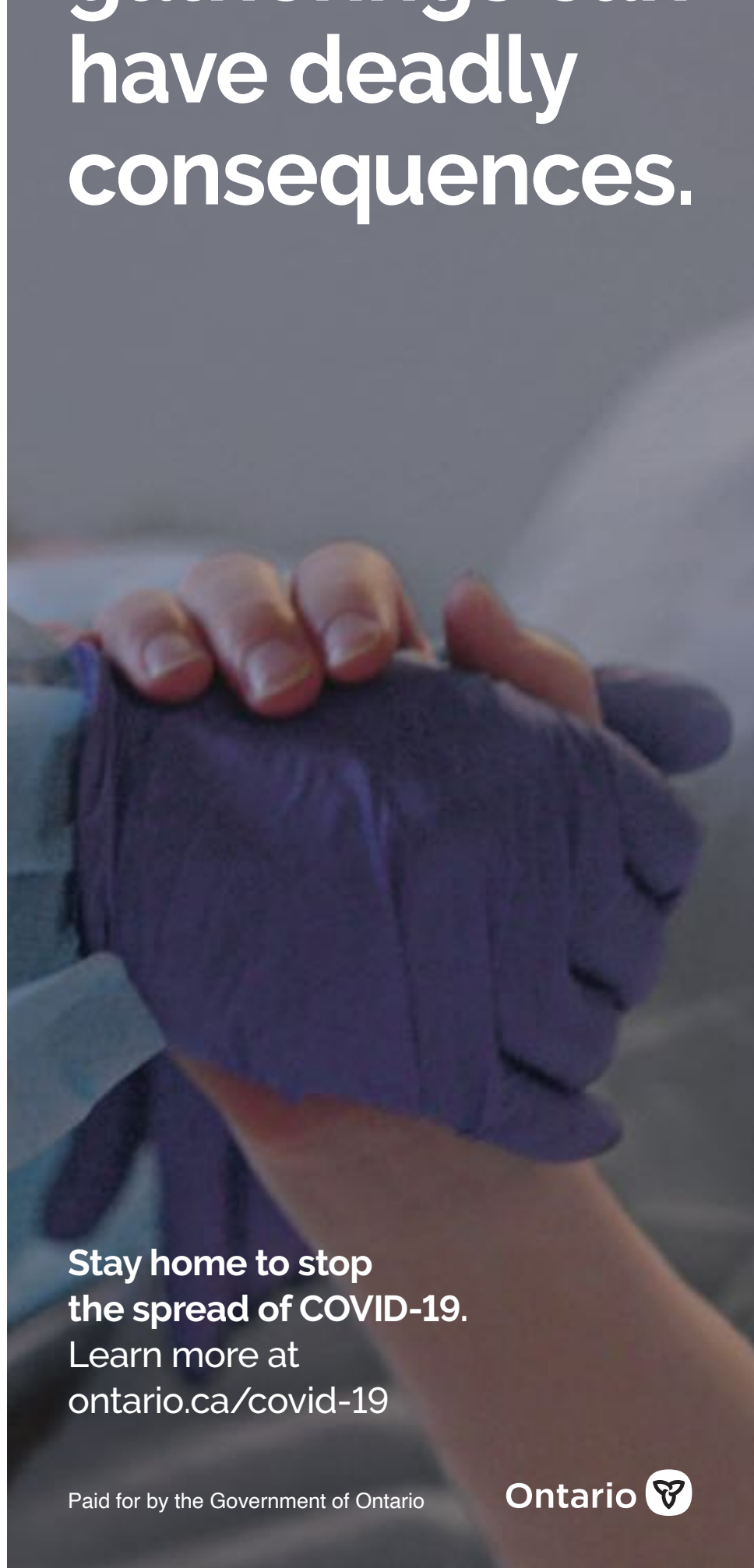
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## Local leaders call for changes to vaccine roll out plan

Written By **Paula Brown**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local leaders are calling on the provincial government to make changes to the current vaccine roll out plan as the National Advisory Council on Immunizations recommends adults from racialized groups disproportionately affected by COVID-19 should be prioritized in the second stage of vaccines.

Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson and Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) President Alethia O'Hara Stephenson submitted a letter on Feb. 17, on behalf of the Black and racialized community, to Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

In the letter, Anderson and O'Hara Stephenson call on the immediate action from the provincial government to "elevate the Black and other racialized groups as priority candidates for the vaccine" and that "plans be made to address this inequity."

"We just want to make sure that in the discussion about who should be prioritized, who should be getting the vaccine next, that this priority group is right there at the top of the list," said Anderson in an interview with the Free Press. "We want to hear a commitment, but we also want to hear a plan that this is going to be addressed."

"If you've got a group of people that are significantly impacted, or disproportionately impacted, it needs to be addressed. You can't turn a blind eye to this, it is absolutely essential," said O'Hara Stephenson.

Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health in a presentation to Dufferin County Council on Feb. 11 spoke about those with an increased risk of getting COVID-19. Dr. Mercer noted members of the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, persons of colour) community locally have more than five times the incidence of having COVID-19.

"It is not proportionate, there are neighbourhoods in Ontario, there are age groups and there are certainly other risk groups such as our BIPOC community that have a greater burden of COVID-19 disease than others," said Mercer. "I think that is important for us to know as we try to see who should be immunized next especially when we're looking at a scarce, shortage of vaccine."

During the first stage of vaccinations against COVID-19, frontline workers and residents in long-term care homes have been some of the first to receive the shot. The National Advisory Council on Immunizations recommended populations in Stage 1 included residents and staff in congregate living settings, adults 70 years and older be-

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—Steve Anderson  
Deputy Mayor

ginning with those older than 80, frontline workers, and adults in Indigenous communities.

"When people in our community are being impacted and ravaged by the effects of COVID-19, we need to respond. The same way we've responded to our frontline workers, the same way we responded for the elderly in long term care homes," said Anderson.

"You've got your frontline workers, you've got your long term care, we're talking about group pockets of individuals that are impacted," said O'Hara Stephenson. "It's the same. Here you've got a pocket of individuals impacted and it's so happens that is the BIPOC community. We're asking for that same expedited action to take care of these groups of individuals that are now facing a similar disproportionate result as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

The National Advisory Council on Immunization recommends Stage 2 should include:

- Adults in or from Indigenous communities not offered the vaccines in Stage 1
- Residents and staff of other congregate living (correctional facilities, migrant workers, shelters)
- Adults between 60 and 69 years of age, beginning with 65 and older
- Adults in racialized and marginalized communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19
- First responders (police, firefighters, military)
- Frontline essential workers (teachers, grocery store staff, postal service)
- Essential primary care givers

Anderson and O'Hara Stephenson, along with the call for changes to the vaccine roll out plan, are also asking for additional resources and supports for emotional and mental health for the community.

At the time of print, WDG Public Health has had 4,596 confirmed cases, 4,378 resolves, and 103 fatalities.

## Green Party nominates candidate

The Green Party of Ontario is proud to announce that Laura Campbell has been nominated as its candidate for the Dufferin-Caledon riding ahead of the 2022 Provincial election.

Laura is a local business owner, and a mother of two. She holds a Master of Science from the London School of Economics and Politics, and a Bachelor of Arts from Western University.

Laura has a deep understanding of the important local issues facing Dufferin-Caledon. She ran previously as a candidate in 2018, and currently holds the post of Critic on Advanced Education and Skills Development on the GPO's shadow cabinet.

"I have always been deeply engaged in politics, both around issues of biodiversity and our ongoing climate crisis, and also in

areas such as education, social justice, and affordable housing," Laura said. "Over the past decade, I have advocated strongly for local food, and against large infrastructure or resource extraction projects that only benefit a select few rather than the hard working people of this riding."

Laura strongly believes that Ontario needs a Green and Caring Recovery and puts people and planet first to build back smarter from the damage of the pandemic.

"I'm very excited to have Laura join our team," stated Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario. "Her perspective as a fellow small business owner will be greatly appreciated as well as her passion and advocacy for action on critical issues like local food and the climate crisis."



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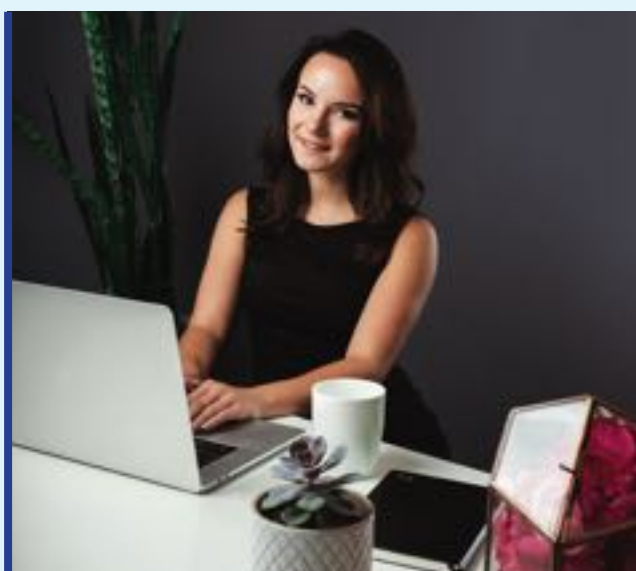
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# Shelburne WOMEN *in* BUSINESS



## Danielle Jenkins, Domestic Divas Cleaning Co.

**HI, MY NAME IS DANIELLE JENKINS**, a young professional & entrepreneur, mentor, philanthropist, passionate about supporting my community, and owner and president of Domestic Divas Cleaning Co. At the age of 21 I founded Domestic Divas Cleaning Co., an award winning luxury residential & commercial cleaning company, in Dufferin County & has since then expanded to neighbouring communities & regions, including GTA, and Collingwood/Blue Mountains. Our focus is bringing professionalism & sophistication to the cleaning industry. I am passionate about constantly learning to be the best leader & example for my company, as well as inspiring others to follow their dreams and be the best version of themselves. I love assisting other entrepreneurs with their trials & tribulations & mentoring them from her own experiences in business. I also spend a lot of time supporting others & my community throughout charitable & philanthropic ventures that are close to my heart. In the little bit of free time I have, you can find me enjoying a glass of wine or champagne, taking courses, researching, traveling (when covid isn't a factor), or playing tennis. Our head office is located in Orangeville. Connect with Domestic Divas Cleaning Co. or I directly if you have any questions regarding our teams giving you a sparkling home or office!

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## Diane Griffith, Wool and Silk Co.

**FOR DIANE GRIFFITH, OF WOOL AND SILK CO. IN SHELBURNE**, opening her own business allowed her to combine her passion with a successful business enterprise. Diane opened Wool and Silk six years ago after working for many years as a veterinary technician. Her lifelong interest in knitting, crocheting and crafting, allowed her to make an easy transition to a new business venture as she already had a lot of experience working with the products she sells. The store sells yarn and related items like needles, hooks, and accessories, and caters to knitters and crocheters who appreciate a local store that has the products they like and need. The store also sells products on-line. Diane shares her knowledge of the craft through events and classes at the store. Expanding her operation, Diane opened a 'quilting and knitting retreat house' just outside of Shelburne that provides accommodation as well as an area that is designed for sewing, cutting, and quilting. The retreat is situated on 100 acres of property and uses the farm house to host groups who would like to get together to practice their craft in an idyllic setting. Being in business, Diane enjoys the freedom of making decisions for herself. She also enjoys the interaction with her customers who share her love for crafts. The store offers a happy and engaging environment for both staff and customers. Wool and Silk provides a one-stop niche outlet with specialty products for people in the region who otherwise would have to travel a considerable distance for the items they need to enjoy their pastimes and hobbies.

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## Jill Potter-Hellman, Shelburne Physiotherapy Centre

**JILL POTTER-HELLMAN** is a Pilates Instructor at Shelburne Physiotherapy Centre and owner, operator of Body, Mind and Spirit Pilates, a Pilates studio in Shelburne. She offers classes at Shelburne Physiotherapy Centre and privately, specific to the clients' needs and offers one on one training and small group exercise classes. Jill was certified as a Pilates instructor in 2007 after many years as a Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor. Jill loves how, through Pilates movement, one quickly discovers their physical strength through learning proper alignment and movement patterns. Jill's focus through continuing Pilates and fitness education has been on post-rehab protocols, and senior care through strength, balance and fall prevention. Jill is also a certified Pregnancy and Postpartum Corrective Exercise Specialist. Women, no matter how many years postpartum, can correct their pelvic health issues if they are given the correct exercises. Jill is an essential asset to the Shelburne Physiotherapy Team!



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## Shirley Noble, Shirley's Garden Supply & Flower Shop

**IT HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR BUSINESSES THAT HELP HOME OWNERS MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTY.** For Shirley Noble, owner of Shirley's Garden Supply & Flower Shop, the fact that so many people are working from home also means home owners are paying more attention to their lawns and gardens and coming to her for advice on how best to achieve their landscaping goals. Shirley has been in business for 19 years, moving to her current Highway 89, location in 2011. She learned the business from the ground up after first being hired as an employee by the previous business owner. Shirley enjoyed the job so much she bought the business and has been a successful entrepreneur ever since. Although she admits being a business owner can be at times, "challenging," she enjoys her work and dealing with the public. She appreciates the independence that comes with running her own operation. "I love the people - the people around Shelburne are great," Shirley said. "I enjoy meeting them and helping them with what ever their needs are." She advises her customers on which plants will thrive in different conditions and how they can plant their gardens and shrubs in the best locations for good results and how to arrange them for a pleasing presentation around the yard. While the gardening business is seasonal, people always need fresh flowers. Shirley's Flower Shop provides a full flower service to the surrounding region. It is her dedication to her work and the fact that she enjoys meeting and working with her customers that makes Shirley a successful local business woman.

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## The digital age

Over the past month the auto industry in North America had a bit of a rough time.

Several automakers had to shut down some lines and others actually closed the plant on a temporary basis.

There wasn't a slump in sales – the closures were due to a parts shortage.

When you hear that, you might think they ran out of Johnson rods or maybe a shipment of fuel pumps were lost at sea when a container ship ran aground.

Nope – the lines were shut down because of one type of tiny microchip that wasn't available.

When the current pandemic changed people's lifestyles and forced a lot of folks to stay home, sales of smartphones and video games and similar products went through the roof.

It didn't take Chinese chip manufacturers long to switch production to gear their products to that market and away from the auto industry. After all, in the video and smartphone market they were getting orders of one billion, whereas the auto industry required less than 100 million.

Money talks.

It seems unlikely that a single computer chip could stop production in something as

important as the auto industry - but it did. After all, those computer chips are now an integral component in new cars.

You can't sell someone a \$30,000 SUV and explain that the traction control they paid for doesn't work because the computer chip that controls it wasn't available.

It is amazing how much of our modern lives are controlled by digital technology.

It sort of snuck up on us, but once the technology became mainstream, the world changed.

Smartphones aside, digital technology has replaced how things operate on so many levels, you don't even notice it anymore.

If you ever had one of those big clunky television sets that weighed a ton and had a picture tube the size of Volkswagen Beetle, you probably appreciate that flat screen you now have hanging on the wall in your rec room.

"There is nothing that will ever replace film," a professor told us during a discussion about cameras when I was in film school.

At the time, 35 mm film ruled the camera world and the idea of something that could come along and replace it seemed unlikely.

It wasn't too long after that the concept of

digital cameras started to be known in science magazines.

When the first digital cameras were produced they were more of a curiosity than anything else. They lacked the depth, colour, and vibrancy of photos produced on regular film. The images produced had an unflattering flatness to them.

However, while the executives at Kodak were asleep at the switch and fiddled while the film world began its slow decent into oblivion, other companies realized the camera industry would indeed become part of the digital world - and for good.

Those companies went on to build a better version of the camera then improved on that design. They finally decided to merge the capabilities of a single lens reflex camera with a digital format.

When the first version of a Nikon DSL came on the market, I was on the waiting list to receive one. It was a great camera that made my life a lot easier.

Thanks to the digital world many people can work from home. You can go a year without seeing a co-worker and still get your job done.

I'm not sure how this has affected the greeting card companies, but you are now

way more likely to get a holiday or birthday greeting via Facebook than you are through snail mail.

And a hand written letter? That's almost a lost art form.

I'm pretty sure schools have stopped teaching kids how to write – although I may be wrong. But with most work done on a keyboard now, it's a lot easier and faster to type a letter than it is to pick up a ballpoint pen and write it out long-hand.

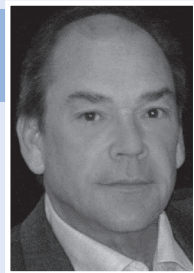
Although I think if you are writing a love-letter of sorts, it may have more impact to tell the girl of your dreams how you feel about her on paper rather than a computer screen.

Digital technology has changed our world so much that without it, we would now be in lot of trouble if something suddenly happened to eliminate it from our lives.

The only drawback is a loss of power plunges us from the digital age to the stone age in the blink of an eye.

For now, I'm going out to check the computer chip that controls the Johnson rod in my car and make sure everything looks A-okay.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Why Covid Killed More English-Speakers

To those who obsessively followed the Covid websites over the past eleven months (including me, I must admit), one thing demanded an explanation above all: why were the worst death rates-per-million in the richest, most developed countries, and in the United States and the United Kingdom most of all?

Bits of the answer were obvious, of course. COVID-19 selectively kills the elderly, and poor countries with high birth rates have a very low proportion of elderly people. They can't die in droves if they just aren't there.

There's also the issue of under-counting, which you would expect to be worse in countries with poor or no public health service, but the phenomenon extends even into middle-income countries like Russia.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Tatiana Golikova revealed recently that 'excess deaths' in 2020 were three times bigger than the number who had 'COVID' on their death certificates – but that 80 per cent of the excess were also probably COVIDdeaths. If so, then Russia's death rate was almost as bad as the United States.

But even compared to other rich counties with the same age profile, the UK and the US performed terribly in 'deaths per million', which is the best measure since it is not distorted by population size. The United States has had

1,555 Covid deaths per million people. Canada has had 573 deaths per million, barely a third as many per capita.

As for the United Kingdom, it has had 1,781 deaths per million, even worse than the US – whereas Germany has had only 824. In fact, the US and the UK together account for four-fifths of all Covid deaths in the ten worst-performing countries.

So what is going on here? Is speaking English bad for your health? Three-quarters of Canadians speak English, so probably not.

Does God punish countries that elect lying, narcissistic populists as leaders? Perhaps, but I'd prefer a more evidence-based answer, and at last we have one. Maybe.

Michele Gelfand, a cultural psychologist at the University of Maryland, may have the key that unlocks the puzzle. At the very least, she has great timing.

In her 2018 book 'Rule Makers, Rule Breakers: How Tight and Loose Cultures Wire Our World', Gelfand proposed that some national cultures embrace discipline while others glorify rule-breaking. That may sound like your usual social-scientist-desperate-for-a-fresh-angle re-framing national stereotypes as statistical fact, but she may be on to something about COVID death rates.

Her latest research was published in 'Lancet

Planetary Health', a leading epidemiological journal, late last month. Using her established categories of 'tight' societies (willing to abide strictly by social norms, e.g. Singapore, Japan, China, Austria) versus 'loose' ones (more permissive about rule-breaking, e.g. the US, the UK, Israel, Italy), she compared COVID case rates and death rates.

The results were quite striking. The 'loose' cultures on average had five times the infection rate of the 'tight' ones, and eight times the death rate. If you compare the most libertarian with the most conformist, say the United States vs. Japan, then the contrast is astounding: about 25 times as many American cases and deaths per million.

What conclusions can we draw from this? Well, it suggests that the role of individual leaders like Donald Trump and Boris Johnson in shaping disastrous national Covid outcomes was probably not decisive. The outcomes would probably have been pretty bad even if less irresponsible leaders had been in charge.

Secondly, as Gelfand points out, the human cost that countries pay for being 'loose' in times of crisis may be compensated by the advantages they gain in creativity and innovation in better times (although it would be tactless to make this argument to the victims).

But there is something wrong with Gelfand's

explanation for why countries become or remain 'tight' or 'loose'. She argues that "communities with histories of chronic threat – whether natural disasters, infectious diseases, famines or invasions – develop stricter rules that ensure order and cohesion." That would make sense, but history says it's really not that simple.

How did Israel – the Holocaust, six wars in the past 75 years, most of the population descended from refugees – end up among the carefree, permissive countries? And by the way, it really doesn't have a very high death rate (614 per million).

Shouldn't the Eastern European countries (world wars, civil wars, foreign occupation, waves of refugees) be among the 'tightest' societies in the world? Yet seven of the fifteen countries with the highest death rates in the world are among the former Communist countries of Eastern Europe – places like Hungary, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Slovenia, all with over 1,450 deaths per million.

There's probably a lot more hard-wiring involved in determining where a culture ends up in terms of 'tight' or 'loose'. And by the way, we would all love to know: why did the United States Navy pay for this research?

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## Our Readers Write

Recently some relatively new residents of Shelburne gathered to support farmers in India. Apparently they were finger-wagged as if not supportive of Canadian farmers.

Are Canadian farmers subjected to gut-wrenching tyranny causing suicide by the thousands, cutting down precious lives? Aren't Canadian farmers wealthier, more powerful, and better represented? Right in front of our eyes their farm helpers don't look so well cared for. Don't know if Canadian farmers themselves are complaining of unbearable agony or it's coming from others possessing covetousness and an unwillingness to let people help those who are pressed by the devil on the left, inferno on the right,

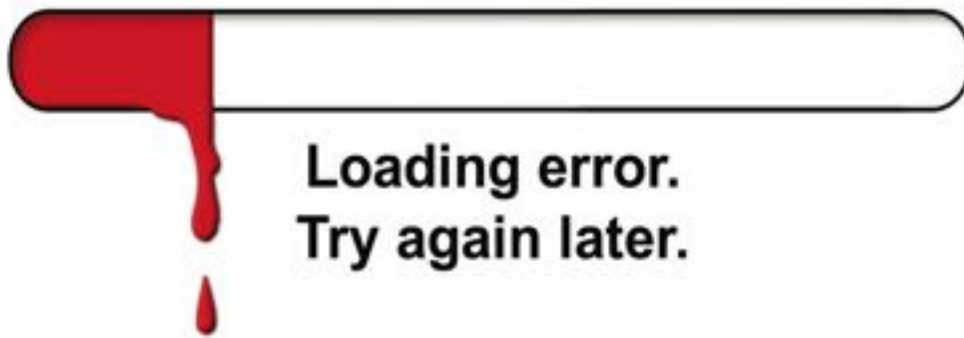
the roaring sea in front and tyrants behind. When Indian farmers face terror forced upon them and their families making them so helpless they should get help from the world as the world gains greatly from them.

It is commendable that the few people did something in Shelburne, and without asking for donations. They are right too; their numbers and voices are small. It is always the way. It is why injustice against the disempowered and weakened never ends.

Canadians do care for their farmers.

Gloria Ramnath Shelburne

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## Dufferin OPP investigating fatal collision in Amaranth

On Saturday (Feb. 20) at approximately 8:26 a.m., officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Dufferin Detachment responded to a motor vehicle collision that occurred on County Road 12 and 20th Side Road in the Township of Amaranth.

The collision involved two motor vehicles - a silver and a red sedan. The Initial investigation revealed that the silver sedan was travelling southbound on County Road 12 and the red sedan was going eastbound on 20th Side Road. The silver sedan failed to stop at its stop sign and collided with the red sedan.

The driver and passenger from the silver sedan suffered non-life threatening injuries as a result of the collision and were transported to a local hospital.

The driver of the red sedan was the sole occupant of the vehicle and suffered fatal injuries as a result of the collision. The deceased driver has been identified as Scott HAMBLETON, 60, of Grand Valley.

The OPP's Technical Collision Investigation Unit and Reconstructionist were deployed to the scene to assist with the investigation. Dufferin OPP continues to investigate the collision and is appealing to the public for additional witnesses. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Dufferin OPP detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.



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**RIDING THE TRAILS:** Snowmobilers were out in full force last weekend and the Nottawasaga OPP were very satisfied with the level of compliance seen by riders out on the trails.

## Mulmur snowmobilers in compliance: OPP

On Saturday (Feb. 20) members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were active out patrolling snowmobile trails between Essa Township and the Township of Mulmur.

During the day, officers patrolled over 130 kilometers of trail and were pleased that the majority of riders were in compliance with the laws. Members issued one Provincial Offences Notice (PON) and issued a few minor warnings to raise awareness regarding snowmobile safety.

While maintaining visibility on the trails, members welcomed the opportunity to speak with numerous snowmobilers, providing public safety education and encouraging safe operation throughout the snowmobiling season.

The OPP would like to remind riders to stick to the trails unless you have permission to ride on private property and remember to dress according to weather conditions.

Enjoy the trails and stay safe, says the Nottawasaga OPP.

## Employment/counterfeit cheque scam defrauds business of \$5k

On February 14, 2021, the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a report of an employment/counterfeit cheque scam.

The victim reported finding employment online for a legitimate organization based out of Toronto. All correspondence was performed by email and the interview was conducted by ways of an online survey. Since it was a "work from home" position, the organization offered to purchase the required office furniture.

The victim received an invoice for just under \$5,000 for furniture from what appeared to be a legitimate furniture company based out of Quebec. An email cheque was sent to the victim for the same amount as a form of reimbursement. Since no elements of the transaction seemed suspicious at the time, the furniture was then paid for by sending two separate e-transfers to two different Gmail accounts.

The bank later informed the victim that the cheque received by email did not go through. As a result, the funds used to purchase the furniture were lost, and no office furniture was purchased.

A call to the organization believed to have been hired from revealed that this was a scam. The correspondence did not come from them.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's website (<https://www.antifraudcentre-centre-antifraude.ca>) contains information on various scams. In this specific situation, a counterfeit cheque was used to obtain funds from the victim.

Caledon OPP would like to remind everyone that scammers use tactics to make their requests appear legitimate. Always verify the information by contacting organizations directly at the coordinates provided on official websites.

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- 6. Theatrical company
- 7. Beginning part
- 8. Zenith
- 9. Air-safety gp.
- 10. In flames
- 11. Backslide
- 12. Chinese gelatin
- 13. Little salmon
- 14. Tailless amphibian
- 24. Type of energy
- 26. Cordwood measure
- 28. Wisdom tooth
- 30. Flower part
- 32. Wheel with points
- 34. Woven mat
- 36. Tiger Woods, e.g.
- 38. Eared seal
- 39. Of prisons
- 40. Dither
- 42. Freshman's hat
- 43. Brazen
- 44. Replica
- 45. Overhead
- 48. Be next to
- 50. Country estate
- 52. Unsteady
- 55. Medium's deck
- 57. Make watertight
- 59. Twirling item
- 61. Variety of xylophone
- 65. Be hostile to
- 66. Consumable
- 67. Fix
- 69. Wholesome
- 71. Saharan stopover
- 73. Tavern treat
- 74. Bread shape
- 75. Lip
- 76. Very bright, as colors
- 77. Jug
- 78. Beverly Archer's role on "Mama"
- 82. Tiny atoll
- 84. Fisherman's aid

### ACROSS

- 1. Small crow
- 4. Naysayer
- 8. Remotely
- 12. Ham it up
- 15. Japanese belt
- 16. Forsaken, poetically
- 17. Eatery
- 18. Sticky stuff
- 19. Unit of work
- 20. Beep
- 21. Letters
- 22. Eureka's cousin
- 23. Clothes
- 25. Practical type?
- 27. Accomplish by force
- 29. Nimbi
- 31. Vessel
- 32. Default result
- 33. Expunge
- 35. Psyche part

### DOWN

- 17. Spills
- 41. Timber tree
- 42. Intimidated
- 44. Jeweler's weight
- 46. Sniggler
- 47. Rajah's mate
- 48. "\_\_\_ the Right Moves"
- 49. Hot rock
- 51. Level and smooth
- 53. Rodent pest
- 54. Cowboy's gear
- 56. Chop into tiny pieces
- 58. Prophetess
- 60. Not acquainted
- 62. Resort
- 63. Aquarium denizen
- 64. Romanian coin
- 65. Mother of pearl?
- 68. Killer whale
- 70. Prune
- 72. Swiss mountaineer's cry

- 74. Nutritious legume
- 77. Giraffe's kin
- 79. Palm variety
- 80. Dedicated poem
- 81. Ground grain
- 83. By and by
- 85. Suitcase
- 86. "Long \_\_\_ and Far Away"
- 87. Dip out, as water
- 88. Capri or Man, e.g.
- 89. Be deceitful
- 90. Bog
- 91. Rectangular pilaster
- 92. Chair or bench
- 93. "To \_\_\_ is human . . ."
- 1. Biblical verb
- 2. In a foreign country
- 3. Shake to and fro

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# CDDHS Black Chapter shares empowering messages with video series

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

"I love my hair because there's nothing quite like [it]."

"Hair love to me, is loving your hair no matter what it looks like, what it feels like."

Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Black Chapter students are spreading messages of inspiration, celebration, and self-love with the release of Hair Love, a short video created by the student group.

Hair Love, is one of many initiatives the CDDHS Black Chapter has put together throughout February as part of Black Heritage Month. The video features young black men and women from the local high school discussing the history, challenges, and beauty of their natural hair.

Gabby Spencer, head of social media for the Black Chapter, said it's important for young black men and women to know their hair is special, noting that they've long felt discriminated against for their natural hair.

"Our hair has been a big part of our community...our ancestors weren't able to wear their in public with pride" explains Spencer.



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"Now we've come to a point where black women and men wear their hair and are empowering and are empowered by other black women and men."

Soha Soliman, a group member of the Black Chapter, spoke about the need to share the empowering messages from the video in helping other youth with their self-identity.

"It's saying that my hair is just not cool, big, trendy, and fluffy, but that it's elegant, gorgeous, class, and classy – it's me, there's a story behind it, it represents me and I wear it proudly."

"These young black men and women shared really negative words that have been said to them, about their hair and instead of sitting there not doing anything they recognize that this is an ongoing issue...they wanted other youth like them to feel empowered and to love their hair, and love themselves."

The CDDHS Black Chapter was created in response of a number of students being interested in starting a Social Equity Group for racialized students, and now consists of 37 members. The student group is led by staff member Greer Harvey and Trinna Thompson who both expressed pride in seeing the students develop the video.

The CDDHS Black Chapter has also released video on assimilation vs appropriation, and colourism as well as other content in honour of Black Heritage Month, which can be found on the groups Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok.

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# DFA shares ups and downs for farmers over the last year

Written By Sam Odrowski



Monday, Feb. 22 was Agriculture Day in Canada and the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA) chair, Bill McCutcheon shared some of the ups and downs for local farmers over the last year.

The county's \$100 million industry has seen both positive and negative changes for the 550 farm businesses, registered with the DFA over the last year.

For Dufferin's lamb farmers, everything's almost been business as usual, if not better, according to McCutcheon.

"We've experienced increase in demand, because there's not quite as much product coming in from New Zealand or Australia, so it's been really good on the lamb side," he noted.

When looking to the region's crop farmers, it was a great growing season last year, leading to high yields. Corn prices also increased by \$120 per ton.

"Not often do we have good prices and good yield at the same time in the county, so it was good," McCutcheon lauded.

Early in the pandemic, the manufacturing process had to be changed for dairy farmers. There were no restaurants open so a lot of the dairy products that are usually made in bulk, had to be converted for retail instead.

On the poultry side, Dufferin's chicken farmers saw disruptions in demand for product. There was about a 15 per cent reduction in the quota they had to fill, as restaurants, who were a large customer, closed when the pandemic started last March.

"We had to get over those hiccups," McCutcheon said.

For hog farmers, kill capacity was an issue at first. McCutcheon told the Citizen he wasn't aware of anybody in Dufferin who had to euthanize their hogs, but in certain areas where abattoirs and processing plants shut down, they had this issue. In Canada, predominately the western provinces were impacted, particularly Brooks, Alberta.

Better Beef in Guelph, which is the largest beef processing plant in Ontario, was only

closed Dec. 17 to 29, so there wasn't a large backlog of cattle.

In terms of offshore workers, they've been harder to find and hire at many of Dufferin's farms.

McCutcheon said one local agriculture producer who usually hires 11 offshore workers for the season was left with zero last year.

"That was pretty stressful for them because the work doesn't go away and you have 11 less guys to do it," he explained.

McCutcheon said it's important to note that Dufferin residents shouldn't be concerned about not having food on the shelves, because the local system is very resilient. The county's farmers export many products, with 50 per cent of their cattle and hogs being exported.

"There would have to be major disruptions for there not to be beef or pork on the shelf and chicken too," McCutcheon noted. "We are going to feed Canadians first."

When looking at the Dufferin farming community as a whole, McCutcheon says it's very diverse in the products grown and has some unique farm businesses.

For example, Lennox Farms in the Honeywood area has rhubarb as their biggest crop and a large-scale greenhouse in Shelburne produces hydroponic tomatoes.

"There's all kinds of diversity, which I don't think, you usually see in agriculture," said McCutcheon.

In closing, the DFA's PSA to the public is that as they approach planting season, be kind and considerate on the roads when you see farmers moving large equipment.

"We work some pretty long hours and we would just ask for some respect on the roads when we're trying to move some big equipment around, it can be a little stressful for them, trying to get where they need to go," he explained.

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# Dufferin Community Foundation again supporting charities in need

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Dufferin Community Foundation is again helping local not-for-profit organizations who continue to struggle with the financial impacts of COVID-19.

The foundation is making an additional \$30,000 in emergency grant funding available for not-for-profit organizations who have mental health and well-being initiatives in Dufferin County. The deadline for organizations to apply is Feb. 28, with the money being dispersed later in March.

The Dufferin Community Foundation gave out over \$160,000 through the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) last year and the common theme coming from not-for-profits was that issues surrounding mental health were growing in the shadow of the pandemic.

Last year's funding also couldn't have come at a better time for many charities who applied, as they desperately needed a financial boost.

"When we heard their stories, listened to their stories and read their applications, the need for funding was apparent. Some of these organizations, couldn't fundraise at all during 2020," explained Debbi Goss, Dufferin Community Foundation co-ordinator.

"We just understood how critical it was to get funding into the hands of our charities and the common theme, right through, was mental health and well-being. We realized that this is an emerging issue. Mental health



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is affecting even the strongest among us."

Many of the contributing factors to poor mental health are consequences of the pandemic, such as social isolation, food insecurity, housing insecurity, substance abuse, addiction, and homelessness.

Dufferin Community Foundation received its charitable status in December of 2018 and from 2019 to 2020, the number of not-for-profits applying for funding nearly doubled.

Unlike the \$162,000 distributed last year through the ECSF, the new \$30,000 in emergency funding was sourced directly from the community, with mostly private citizens donating.

Goss said she's blown away by the support that the foundation received after it put out a call to residents for financial assistance in creating the new emergency support fund.

"We live in a very generous community, filled with people helping one another,

whether that's something like shovelling the driveway or delivering hot food – people really want to give, but oftentimes they're just not sure who to give to," she noted.

Goss says with this funding, it was easy for residents to give because they know it's going to be combined with other donors to support local charities who are struggling.

"It's that power of many concept," she said. "I think that's where this funding was attractive to people that could say, I can give a small amount or I can give a larger amount and it will make an impact. We also learned through dispersing the emergency federal emergency funds last year that they're all being put to use, so I think people have a comfort zone then, in saying, okay, this is somewhere I know if I give my money, you guys will make sure that it's handed out to those who need it most."

The Dufferin Community Foundation is a

volunteer ran organization with the mandate to educate the community on philanthropy and build endowments so that the next time an emergency happens, they'll be prepared to support local charities in need.

In total, approximately \$250,000 has been dispersed through the foundation and last year, \$162,750 was divided between:

- Hospice Dufferin
- Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County
- Community Living Dufferin
- Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario
- Youthdale Riding Program
- Orangeville Food Bank
- Scientists in School
- St. Mark's Anglican Church
- Family Transition Place
- Dufferin Child and Family Services
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Pine River Institute
- Rotary Club Shelburne
- Theatre Orangeville
- Choices Youth Shelter
- Easter Seals Ontario
- Dufferin Parent Support Network; and
- Dufferin Food Share Program

Goss stressed the foundation's appreciation to all their donors and stressed that the support they're providing wouldn't be possible without them.

To learn more about how to support the organization, visit: <https://dufferincommunityfoundation.ca/for-donors/>

## Shelburne Public Library holds off on reopening doors to public

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While public libraries across the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region and the province begin reopening their doors to the public, the Shelburne Public Library is one that won't be among them.

With the region entering the "red control" zone of the COVID-19 framework on Feb. 16, public libraries are now permitted under the framework to offer services such as access to computers, photocopiers, and even browsing the shelves.

Despite the lifting of lockdown restrictions, Shelburne Public Library CEO and Head Librarian, Rose Dotten told the Free Press the board has made the decision to keep their doors closed from public access and to continue with curbside.

"We feel it's the safest route right now, especially with the variants and the alarm or the issues that's causing," said Dotten. "We're still in a pandemic and I think the services that we're offering are not limiting our patrons, we feel we're offering a good service."

Among the list of public libraries in the region making the moves to reopen to the public is the Orangeville Public Library, which plans to have their doors open on March 1, Guelph Public Library, with the exception of one location, and Wellington County Library have already opened their doors with protocols in place.

Dotten noted that part of the reason Shelburne Public Library is keep the physical space closed to the public, is to avoid opening prematurely and being forced to close again.

"We're honestly taking it week-by-week as things progress

—Rose Dotten  
Library CEO

"That's what happened that last time and we felt we were on the right course in protecting everybody," said Dotten.

Throughout the pandemic the Shelburne Public Library has continued to offer their material to the public via curbside pickup. The library has also continued to offer services such as curated book bags, and printing services for patron as well as investing in more e-resources.

"We feel we are open, all our materials are accessible, every single item in the library is available," said Dotten.

Shelburne Public Library, as part of their safety protocols, quarantines returned items for a minimum of 72 hours.

At the time of print, there is not set date as to when the library might reopen the physical space to the public.

"We're honestly taking it week-by-week as things progress," said Dotten.

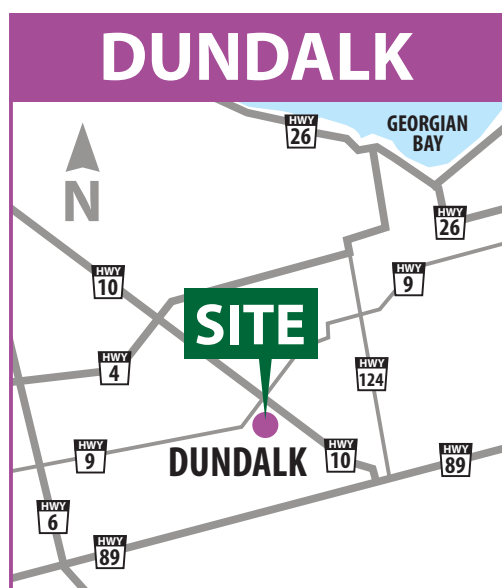


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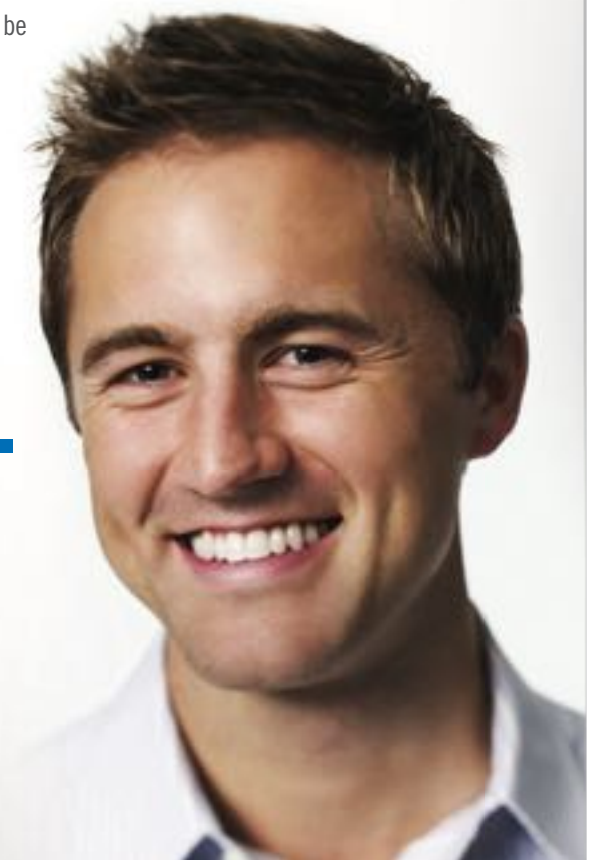
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**LILY ELIZABETH NELSON**

Passed away peacefully in Brampton on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the age of 90. Predeceased by Harold, loving husband for 66 years, her sons Steven (2002) and Kevin (1958). Caring mother of Susan, Paul (Brenda), Karen (Ken Shiels), and Laurie. Proud grandma of nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Special thanks to the exceptional staff at Woodhall Park Care Community, with heartfelt gratitude to the loving caregivers in Heritage House. A private family service has been held.

Please visit Lily's page on the Book of Memories at [www.wardfuneralhome.com](http://www.wardfuneralhome.com)

OBITUARIES

**LINDA ELLEN SMITH (NEE DAVIS)**

FEBRUARY 2, 1947 - FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Linda passed away peacefully at Headwater Health Care Centre on February 12, 2021, at the age of 74.



Loving mother to Sharon (Howard), Joanne, Cindy. Loving Grandmother to Matthew (Keri) Courtney (Brad) Carson (Amanda) Jenn (Steve) Mike (Erin) and Jennifer. Great Grandmother to Ryleigh, Bradyn, Jaxyn, and Jaykob, and lovingly known as "GG" to Hadley and Emry. She is survived by her sisters Joan, Dorla, Donna and brothers Carl and Wayne. Predeceased by her loving husband, Avery Smith and son-in-law John Thompson, sister Lois and brothers Merv and Ray. Linda loved playing bridge and playing and watching curling. She loved to spend time in their winter home in Florida, USA. She will be missed by many family members and great friends.

As an expression of sympathy to the family, donations in Linda's memory may be made to the Shelburne Royal Canadian Legion at; By Cheque to: ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 220 203 William Street Shelburne, ON L9V 3L6 Phone:(519) 925-3800 or by E-Transfer to E-mail: rcl220@bellnet.ca using the security password of "Legion" Online condolences may be made at [www.imfunerals.com](http://www.imfunerals.com)

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Forgetting her will never end.  
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Because sisters are sisters where ever they be,  
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## Statement from Mayor Wade Mills on the Transition to OPP – February 18, 2021

On February 18, 2021 at noon policing within the Town of Shelburne officially transitioned from the Shelburne Police Service to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). As Mayor, I am filled with mixed emotions as this transition marks both an historic end as well as an exciting future.

Our community has been policed by the Shelburne Police Service since 1879. Since that time, our community and our police service have grown and evolved together. Through successive generations, two world wars, a great depression, two global pandemics, and a more recent explosion of population growth, our local officers have remained at the ready to serve and protect our community with dignity, bravery, and compassion. This tradition of service stands as unimpeachable today as it ever has and for that our community will be sad to close this chapter.

With an eye to the future, we as a community also have much to look forward to. For many of us, we have come to know our local officers as friends and neighbours and we value the local connections that have been forged. Fortunately, these relationships will not be lost as each and every member of the Shelburne Police Service who applied to the OPP has been successfully hired. After a short transition and training period, we will welcome our officers back home to Shelburne in their new uniforms. When they return, our officers will be a part of one of North America's largest deployed police services with more than 5,800 uniformed officers, 2,400 civilian employees and 830 auxiliary officers. They will also be supported by the tremendous network of resources that the OPP have at its disposal. I am confident – and you should be too – that our officers will be well equipped to continue to provide the level of policing service that our community expects and deserves.

To Chief Moore, Sgt. Bennett, SpC Kerr, PC Morash, and Karen McLean who are not transitioning to the OPP, I want to offer a personal note of gratitude for your years of dedicated and professional service and I wish you all the very best as you move into this next exciting phase of life. To our officers and civilian staff who will be continuing with the OPP, I wish you luck as you embark upon this next lag of your career journey and I cannot wait to see you all back here in early March when we will hold a proper ceremony to mark the occasion. In the words of Charles Dickens, "The pain of parting is nothing compared to the joy of meeting again."

On behalf of Council, Town of Shelburne staff, the Shelburne Police Services Board, and our entire community, I wish to thank all members of the Shelburne Police Service, both past and present, for everything that you have done to serve this community that we all love.

### 2021 SHELBURNE POLICE SERVICE MEMBERS:

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# Judge in OPS trial gives their reasons for verdict

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario Court judge who acquitted former Orangeville Police Service (OPS) officer Stephen Fisher, has provided the reasons for her ruling.

In the court document released on Feb. 11, Justice Shannon McPherson cited the Crown not being able to prove a recorded conversation in an interview room was a private communication and the lack of credibility from a witness, as the reasons of her ruling.

Fisher was charged with disclosure of private communication and breach of trust by a police officer in December of 2018 by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), following an investigation into the release of a video which contained a conversation between two manager officers, allegedly harassing other OPS employees. Fisher was acquitted of both charges by McPherson on January 15.

Fisher, in mid-2018, viewed several minutes of an almost 40-minute long video which contained what McPherson called a "troubling conversation" between former OPS officers Staff Sgt. Dave McLagan and Const. Andy May, in a "soft" interview room. The "soft" interview room is used to take statements from vulnerable witnesses and is built to record automatically via motion activation.

A publication ban has been placed on the contents of the video.

According to McPherson's decision, the prosecution failed to beyond a reasonable doubt prove the video was a private conversation, and based on the evidence it was not reasonable for either May or McLagan to expect the conversation would not be intercepted by another person.

Evidence during the trial showed McLagan played a key role in the creation of the "soft" interview room which was designed to record on motion. At the time it was McLagan's responsibility to communicate technical issues with the room to other members of OPS. Evidence also showed there were signs posted advising the building was under video and audio recording, including on the outside and inside of the room.

McLagan initially testified at the trial that the conversation was between supervisors about return to work and not harassment under the workplace harassment policy, but later accepted the conversation was a violation.

May in his testimony said he assumed the room required "deliberate action" to record and that he was not aware of the technical issues with the "soft" room. Defence attorney Pamela Machado in cross-examination presented emails May had received regarding the technical issues.

McPherson in her decision for acquittal said she found May to be an unreliable witness

based on a number of portions of evidence brought up in his testimony.

"At best, I place very little weight on the evidence of P.C. May. I find that he was neither a credible nor a reliable witness. The deficiencies in his evidence can either be attributed to him being a revisionist historian or to him being retaliatory," wrote McPherson.

May, when asked to describe the conversation between himself and McLagan, said it was private but causal. McPherson on her review of the conversation said May's recount of the conversation was not accurate.

"This makes him either unreliable in his memory or incredible in his spin on the purpose and nature of the belittling conversation that [he] engaged in."

May in his testimony denied that he laughed at or mocked another OPS employee's concern of being overworked in the video conversation, which McPherson said it was "abundantly clear" that he did.

May also said his relationship with the employee discussed in the video had a "minor" hiccup but a great working relationship.

"P.C. May misled the court by failing to accurately provide the history between the two," wrote McPherson.

Fisher and two other OPS employees had submitted individual harassment complaints against May in the past.

"In explaining the contents of the recording, P.C. May did his level best to minimize the derogatory aspects of the recording. He denied belittling a co-worker, he minimized speaking casually about a colleague who presented with suicide issues, he distanced himself from comments made by either forgetting the context or attributing the narrative of the conversation to others. These are true reflections of both an incredible and unreliable witness who is motivated to distance himself from the conduct."

McPherson, in her final analysis of the evidence, said based on the unreliable testimony of May and the fact that the automatic recording in the room was not new to OPS officers including McLagan and May, it was unreasonable to expect the conversation was a private communication.

"In the end, [I] accept that P.C. May and S/Sgt. McLagan did not wish to have their troubling conversation overheard or recorded. However, asking this court to find that P.C. Fisher breached the trust and criminally disclosed a private communication in circumstances where the conversation was carelessly held in a broadcasted room would be to use the criminal law as a sword and not a shield."

Fisher was acquitted of all charges.

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The library is in the process of ordering most of our new Spring and Summer books and there are many favourite authors coming, plus some very interesting new ones. It will take a little while for library staff to catalogue and process but it is very exciting when they arrive!

Each week, Jade and Rose post a new video on our YouTube channel and review new books they have read. This week they read books by Frances Itani and Kelley Armstrong!

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