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FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE: A small group of protesters stood outside Shelburne Town Hall on Friday (March 19), as part of the Fridays For Future (FFF) global climate strike. The protesters included Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) students Annie and Naomi Cameron, and Alliston resident Kimberlea Bell-Smith called for "no more empty promises" from all levels of government to address the current climate crisis.

Climate strike held outside Town Hall

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Their numbers were small in person, but 18 shoes placed around them signified the youth across the county protesting online.

Annie and Naomi Cameron, sisters and students from Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS), stood outside Shelburne Town Hall last Friday (March 19) as part of a global climate strike.

Their message – no more empty promises. "We're here in front of Town Hall to ask for no more empty promises from the government, we want effective and efficient change today, and every day so we can stem the climate problem," Annie Cameron explained to the Free Press.

The demonstration outside Shelburne Town Hall, was one of hundreds happening across the globe both in-person and virtually as part of the Fridays for Future (FFF) movement started by environmental activist Greta Thunberg in 2018.

The FFF Global Climate Strike shared a list of immediate actions from world leaders including ending investments in fossil fuel

exploration and extraction, annual carbon budgets, and making ecocide an international crime.

Locally, the Cameron sisters are calling for the preservation of land in Dufferin County.

"We want to see change and preservation in Dufferin County, I want to see a council built or recognition on a municipal level of how we can preserve what we have," said Annie, who noted the fight against the Mega Quarry over a decade ago, as an example of land preservation.

Dufferin County Council during their March 11 meeting adopted a climate action plan to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emission by 2050, while she acknowledges the move by council Cameron adds that it's not enough.

"The idea that we have something in place is amazing, we need to be following that, but the problem is, that's not enough," said Cameron. "We need to reach that goal, but we should be reaching it before that year because that's the time when things start to get too close and too late."

Joining the two sisters in the global protest were Alliston residents Kimberlea Bell-

Smith and Robert Squires with their two grandchildren Ben and Cameron.

After seeing a post about the global demonstration from Greta Thunberg, Bell-Smith researched where protests would be happening locally and said they made the decision to lend their support.

"This is what we can do for our grandchildren," said Bell Smith. "I want to educate them, to bring them up to date, make them understand how important this is and if they can bring this information back to their school or community, they can learn [a] way to help this along."

While the small group stood outside Town Hall, cars passing by could be heard honking horns in support of the cause.

"It's really encouraging to see people react this way. Change cannot occur unless a group of people are dedicated to it, it's really nice to see that the community is backing us up and they care about the environment in our town and Dufferin County," said Annie.

For more information on Fridays for Future and the climate crisis go to www.fridaysforfuture.org.

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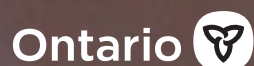
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NEW HOME OWNERS: Kim and Steve Clarke purchased their first home in Shelburne at the beginning of March. Their experience was a bit of an anomaly, with the first house they put an offer in being accepted, compared to what has become common occurrence in the housing market.

Local housing market could be slowing down as house sells at asking price

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

When long-time renters Kim and Steve Clarke, started the search for their first home, they were prepared with the impression that it would be a difficult process, what they didn't expect was to have the first home they put an offer in on to be accepted.

The duo, who have an eight month old daughter, started the process of house hunting at the beginning of February. As first-time home buyers, Kim Clarke said the experience was an overwhelming and daunting one.

"I don't entirely know what I expected," said Kim. "Everyone sort of makes you feel like it's going to be really hard to buy a house even though we've spent so long saving, and we feel that we're in a good place to buy a house, everyone makes you feel like you're going to have to settle and that you're not going to get the house that you want because of the market."

When they started looking at homes in the area, it became increasingly apparent how competitive the market is, as houses they looked at began to sell for \$100,000 over asking price.

"We didn't actually know how much houses were going over asking until we started looking with a realtor," said Kim.

So, it was a surprise to them when the first home they put an offer in on, was accepted.

"When we put the offer in and it was accepted, we were in shock," Kim tells the Free Press. "We were in disbelief, because of what we were told was going to happen, how difficult it was going to be and how we wouldn't get something within our budget, and then we did get something we loved within our budget."

Claire Knight, a realtor and owner of Go With Crowe Real Estate, who worked with the couple to find their first home described their experience as a bit of an "anomaly".

"It was the first time in a year that I wasn't competing, that we paid list price and not over, and that we put in a condition - the absolute first time," Knight tells the Free Press.

Although a stand out among home buying experiences in the last year, Knight says she expects to see more cases like the Clarke's in the upcoming months as inventory of homes in town increases.

According to the Brampton Real Estate

Board (BREB), inventory of houses in Dufferin County since 2020 have gone down by half, while the prices of houses have gone up over \$100,000 from an average price of \$604,241 (February 2020) to \$770,476 (February 2021).

"It's 100 per cent a seller's market, it has been and I think it will continue to be," said Knight.

As of March 18, there are only eight listings for properties in the town available, a number that Knight says is extremely low.

"When we talk about Shelburne specifically as far as number of sales and number listings, usually we look at two to three times that amount at least," she says. "Usually we're looking at an inventory of at least 15 to 20 minimum, and that's taking into account townhouses."

There are a number of factors in the last year that have been attributed to the low inventory including the COVID-19 global pandemic, and weather.

One factor at play, Knight notes that she's never seen in her 16 years as a realtor, is buyers being unable to find a house.

"Even when they find a house, they're competing, and they have to pay way over what it's truly worth; it's discouraging people," said Knight.

With snow completely or almost completely gone, warmer weather is on the way, and home owners watching houses sell for more, the housing inventory, as it does every year post-winter, is projected to increase.

"People have been looking at what's happening in the market and they're starting to get hungry, realizing they're going to make good money on their house. I think we're going to see a significant increase in inventory because people want to cash out."

In all of this, Knight also points out the role that buyers have in the possible settling of housing prices.

"The buyers are getting smarter, they're getting more cautious and they're wanting to be protected with their financing," said Knight.

As the housing market in Shelburne transitions with the arrival of spring, Knight's advice is to sell now and buy later.

"My advice to buyers is just be patient, take your time, don't panic or rush, they're going to see that there's a lot more options for them come a month from now."

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Katie Wiscombe, Scentsy

WHEN THE CURRENT PANDEMIC CAUSED AN INTERRUPTION IN HER REGULAR EMPLOYMENT, KATIE WISCOMBE, DIDN'T JUST WAIT FOR THINGS TO TURN AROUND.

Katie channeled the entrepreneurial spirit within her and started her own home-based business in Shelburne. As a representative of Scentsy, a national company that sells a variety of scent based products for the home, Katie is the local consultant and face of the product in this area. Scentsy products include wickless candles, diffusers, oils, warmers, and other related products. The products are flameless, smokeless, and wickless, and provide a scent without having the flame of a candle. There are also laundry products, pet products, and a kid's line. Katie already knew the line of products and used them, so when the opportunity to become a consultant presented itself, she decided the time was right to begin her own home-based business. Being her own boss gives Katie the opportunity to make her own business decisions and she enjoys the interaction with her customers. "You have to love the product you're selling," Katie said. "I'm a people person for sure. I get to spoil my customers the way I want to. You have to have the personality and the heart," she said of how much she enjoys dealing with her customers and people in the community. Being an entrepreneur gives Katie the ability to guide her own path in the world of business. You can learn more about Katie and her Scentsy products by visiting her website at: www.katiewiscombe.scentsy.ca.

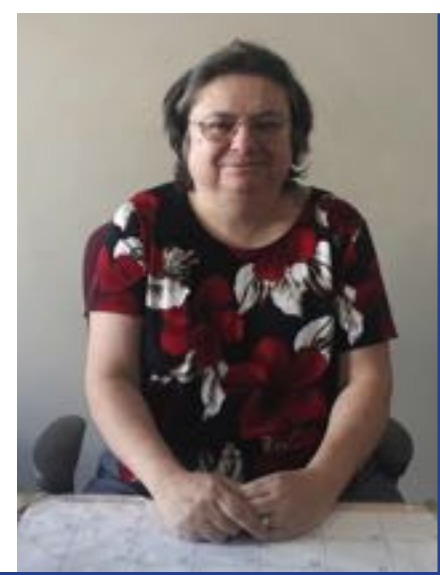


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Cathy Walls, Dundalk Herald and Flesherton Advance

WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB FOR OVER 35 YEARS, you must be doing something right while at the same time enjoying what you do. Cathy Walls is co-owner, along with her husband Matt, of the Dundalk Herald and Flesherton Advance newspapers. They purchased the newspapers from Matt's parents in 1989. They had owned the publications since 1968. She learned the business by first working as an employee before having the opportunity to purchase the newspaper and become a business owner. Cathy refers to herself as Secretary and Treasurer, although her duties and responsibilities are much more involved. She also sells ad spaces for the weekly editions. "I am very grateful to our readers for all their support over the years renewing their subscriptions and the local businesses for their trust in me." Cathy said of the social aspect of being in a business that is community centred. She enjoys being a part of the community and is well known to local people and businesses in the area. Cathy is a familiar face to many around the region as she spends much of her time visiting clients and helping them with advertisements that will bring their message to local residents. Her newspapers are the only independent and community newspapers left in Grey County. As someone with a lot of experience in the newspaper industry, Cathy can offer advice to someone who is considering a career in journalism. While she learned the business through working in the industry, she tells younger people it is to their benefit to 'get an education in journalism' if they want to be successful as a newspaper reporter. Each week Cathy brings the important news and information to her community and keeps residents informed.



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Dr. Krupa Chothani, Shelburne Optometry

DR. CHOTHANI IS THE FOUNDER AND OWNER OF SHELBURNE OPTOMETRY in the town of Shelburne and was inspired to pursue a career in Optometry at a very young age. Having a passion for eye care and a profound aspiration to give back to the community, she endeavoured to accomplish her dream of becoming an Optometrist. She started her own practice from scratch three years ago so that she could practice eye care the way she wanted; with a focus providing on personalized eye care. She loves taking the time to get to know her patients and thrives at being thorough at explaining every step of the patient journey. Dr. Chothani believes in a patient centred approach with customized eye care and wellness needs at the forefront of all that she does. Her vibrant office is equipped with cutting edge technology to offer quality eye care services from comprehensive eye exams to a range of exclusive eye wear. She has recently launched the Aura Eye Spa at the clinic, specializing in dry eye diagnosis, treatment and aesthetics. The clinic has been designed in warm and bright colours, tones, and textures to reflect her personality and the personalized eye care she strives to provide. It goes without saying that she LOVES all things eyes! "Optometry truly is my passion, and I am incredibly grateful that through the work that I do, that I am able to change people's lives each and every day with the Gift of Sight." "They say eyes are the windows to your soul, well they are actually the windows to your health! Every day is filled with such a vast range of scenarios that re-affirms why I chose to be an optometrist; to make a difference to my patients lives and to help raise the awareness and importance of vision care worldwide." It has always been Dr. Chothani's ambition to help empower women and provide opportunities to engage, network, and build strong foundations to grow both in business and as inspiring individuals, being a member of the Dufferin Women in Business Committee and the Optical Women's Association has helped to fulfil that dream! "As a young entrepreneur, business owner and Mom, I truly believe that in the success of others lies our own and there is no limit to what we as women, can accomplish if we can collaborate and encourage each other! Let us celebrate all the amazing women in business -Thank you for your inspiration, mentorship, and support!"



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Jennifer Horne, Royal LePage RCR Realty

IN THE FAST-PACED WORLD OF REAL ESTATE Royal LePage RCR Realty Sales Representative, Jennifer Horne, has learned how to create a balance between business and home life. Working in the industry for 15 years, she is an expert in real estate serving clients in Dufferin County and the surrounding area. Jennifer was influenced by her mother who was also a real estate agent. She began working in new homes when she was just a teenager and was able to gain valuable experience and learn how the business worked. Jennifer enjoyed working with people as well as being able to use her creative skills on the marketing side of the business. This led to her obtaining her real estate license and taking on the challenge of working in the industry as a full time professional. She said she likes "all the people I get to meet and work with and helping people achieve their real estate goals," as the main reason she enjoys her job, adding, "I like helping people find their dream homes and all the exciting things that go along with that." Working as a real estate agent gives Jennifer a degree of flexibility so she is also able to channel her efforts into other areas while still serving her clients. She volunteers at her children's school and helps with their sporting activities. The trade-off is her work as sales representative means she will quite often meet with clients in the evening and weekends. However, she said working different hours is still enjoyable and the ability to participate in those other activities is worth the effort. Jennifer remains busy working to help people with their real estate needs in the region.



Carola Little, Littles Pet Care

AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY COURSE AT RIDGETOWN COLLEGE, Carola was still looking for her niche in life. In 2004, discovering a professional pet care service was needed in the local area, she founded Littles Pet Care. Dog walking and pet sitting services quickly expanded to include independently owned Orangeville and Shelburne locations and certainly seemed to resonate with clientele in the area. Expanding the services again, Carola began a cageless boarding facility in her home located just north of Shelburne on 50 acres in the Mulmur Hills. Dogs can enjoy a relaxed home-like environment including couches, TV and fireplace. "The idea is to provide them with a familiar setting" Carola says "It sounds like a home, smells like a home, because it is a home. We screen dogs before we can accept a booking, and then once here they play with new friends and romp around in the fenced enclosure. It's a home away from home." A concept that owners (and their dogs) seem to appreciate, the award winning services kept Carola and her team busy. Until Covid hit. "2020 hit us hard. With no one travelling or commuting, we had to change some of the services we could offer. We had to permanently close the dog walking portion of our Shelburne business for instance. But our boarding service will never go anywhere. I miss the wagging tails and happy faces and can't wait to meet all your fur babies, both new and those we've known all their lives."



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Unchecked development

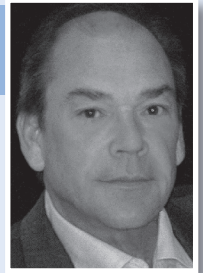
"If you build it, he will come."
That may just be a famous line from a well-known movie, but during the 1990s it was turned into a mantra in some business circles replacing 'he' with 'they.'
It was thought that if you made an investment and build something, people will use it and pay for it.
Of course that doesn't always work and the theory was missing one basic business principle – that being the 'need' for a service or product.
So what if you do build something and no one comes? Well, you will probably have a disaster on your hands.
Development in Ontario is turning into a situation where the 'need' may not always be there but there is total disregard for that consideration.
You would probably be surprised to learn how little power your municipal government really has when it comes to determining the future development of your town and the path it will take.
I once had a discussion with a local mayor about a very unpopular development that was being planned. It was being built on question-

able lands with a poor design more reminiscent of communist East Berlin than central Ontario. He said, "It doesn't matter what people think, if the province wants it, it's going to happen."
In other words, the province tells municipalities what they will do – it's a directive, not a request.
Recently there has been a change in the Provincial Planning Act, which affects Ministers Zoning Orders legislation.
Ministers Zoning Orders have been around for decades and for a good reason.
The MZO's were in place and intended to be used in areas that are remote and unincorporated and lacked a local government or population to make decisions.
The Province could step in and make a decision when there was no one else to do it.
The recent change in the Planning Act now gives the Ministry the ability to step in and give the thumbs up on a development whenever, and wherever, they choose – and they have been choosing to do that a lot.
That means a development can be approved regardless of local concerns. As MZO's are issued without conditions – the developer gets a thumbs up, and that's it – meaning if they

want to build on environmentally sensitive wetlands, they can.
If a developer decides to build in an area that is an unpopular choice, for any reason, and gets pushback from the local population, they can now go around the usual process and appeal directly to the provincial government and get an approval to build.
This means organizations like Conservation Authorities – who are charged with protecting sensitive land and waterways – have no say in the matter – and neither do you.
This whole situation leads to a lot more questions than answers.
Why is the Minister in charge of this suddenly giving the 'yes' stamp to so many developments that are being proposed on lands that are being rejected at the local level?
There are no conditions, no studies, no concerns – just an approval to build.
This leads to the obvious question of 'who's hands are in who's pockets?'
I grew up in a house that was built in what was then, a new development. My parents bought it as their first house as a newly married couple. It was built on an orchard.
Many of the homes still had pear trees in the

back yard.
The area behind our house was filled with acres of cherry trees.
The region was a part of the Niagara Fruit Belt – so called because the region had the right climate for growing tender fruit like cherries, plums, peaches, pears, and grapes.
It is only one of two areas in the entire country suitable for this type of food production.
That entire region on top of the Niagara Escarpment is now paved over and you're never going to see cherry blossoms there again.
I'm no 'tree hugger' in the sense that some people relate to as being totally anti-development at all cost.
Development is going to happen.
However, development needs to follow guidelines and rules that protect environmentally sensitive areas including wetlands and farmland.
It makes no sense to 'build so they will come' only to find those same houses underwater the next a storm floods an area already known to be a risky place to build.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The 'Defence' Follies

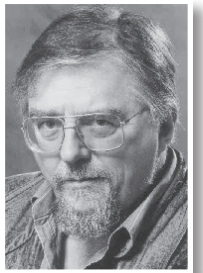
In the early decades of the Cold War, this was the season when NATO defence chiefs would announce their spending plans for the next year, and they would almost always 'discover' some new threat from the Soviet Union to justify the money. In the United States, for example, the intelligence services traditionally found a Soviet armoured brigade hiding in Cuba every February or March.
After a prolonged absence, the tradition is back, though now it's a Chinese threat in the Pacific, not a Russian threat in the Caribbean. Last week Admiral Philip Davidson of the US Navy told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the Chinese are getting ready to invade Taiwan within the next six years.
"I worry that they're accelerating their ambitions to supplant the US and our leadership role in the rules-based international order...by 2050," said the admiral. "Taiwan is one of their ambitions before that, and I think the threat is manifest during this decade – in fact, in the next six years."
War with China by 2027, then. And since the US Navy could not stop a Chinese amphibious invasion of Taiwan by conventional weapons alone – it's too far from the United States, too close to China, and China has lots of ship-killing missiles – it would necessarily be a nuclear war, or else the United States would just have to abandon its not-quite-ally.
Admiral Davidson didn't go into those awkward details, of course. He was just trying to

frighten the senators into giving the Navy more ships. And he couldn't hold a candle to General Lord Richards, former head of the British armed forces, who went to bat at the weekend to argue against cuts to the British army (down 10,000 soldiers to only 72,000).
"I'm thinking Russia and China," said General Richards. "I don't necessarily buy that they're about to start World War Three with us, but they still possess large numbers. If all we've got is hi-tech stuff, and they've got half a million troops that can come across the border at you, then hi-tech capabilities aren't going to be much good."
But what border is that? Russia's western border is almost 2,000 km away, and Britain is an island. The nearest Chinese territory is 3,500 km. away. But then Prime Minister Boris Johnson shut Richards down by explaining that soldiers won't matter so much because the United Kingdom is getting more nuclear weapons.
Johnson is cancelling Britain's pledge to possess no more than 180 nuclear weapons (enough for every city of over a million people in both Russia and China), and raising its declared limit by 40% to 260 warheads. The UK will also "reserve the right" to use nuclear weapons against unspecified 'emerging technologies' that are not necessarily nuclear, including 'cyber-threats'.
Johnson just doesn't understand that declaring his willingness to use nukes first against

a non-nuclear threat – or sounding like that's what he means – is a profound breach with the doctrine of nuclear deterrence that has kept great-power war at bay for three-quarters of a century. It sounds all right to him.
By the final stage of the Cold War the political and military establishments on both sides had sobered up and were very careful in their choice of words. They didn't make idle threats, they stopped fabricating 'spring surprises', and they did not assume that the other side would know when they were just chest-thumping for domestic political purposes.
That generation, who eventually managed to turn the monstrous Doomsday machine off, is gone now. In their place is a generation of senior politicians and military officers who don't truly fear major war. It hasn't happened within living memory, and they do not really

believe it still could. Their counterparts in China and Russia are less vocal, but almost certainly the same.
Compared to those who held their jobs on both sides at the end of the Cold War, they are little boys at play, but it's the same old game. War between nuclear-armed powers would be insane, but it is not impossible. And they are doing this in the midst of a global pandemic.
Moreover, they are talking like this in the opening phase of a huge climate and environmental crisis that will require a high level of global cooperation to survive. There is a cycle of learning and forgetting again in both military and political affairs, and we are hitting the 'forgetting' phase at just the wrong time.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Our Readers Write

County Climate Plan

Dear Editor,

I was really pleased to read your March 18th article about the Dufferin County Climate Action Plan. It was good to see that our county councillors believe in taking action on these issues of climate change.
Warden White is correct when he said that if the name of the positive individual actions regarding food security, energy efficiency, natural heritage, and wetland protection can be agreed upon as long as we do not call it climate change. He is right but isn't that sad.
Of all the speakers I have listened to over

the years, the only one I can quote is an elderly First Nations individual who was blessing our gathering. He left us with one final plea, "Take care of my Mother [Earth]. She's all that I have."
Mayor Laura Ryan had it right too. We all need to ensure Dufferin remains a healthy and thriving community for current generations and future generations.
A final thank you to all the county council who passed this resolution to take care of our planet. It's the only one we have.

Allen Taylor



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SIU investigating incident that left Dufferin man dead

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

For two days, yellow police tape hung outside an Orangeville home.

The province's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) is now looking further into the circumstances that led to the death of an Orangeville man.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Dufferin Detachment received a call shortly before midnight on Friday (March 19) and responded to a home on Wellington Street due to an altercation between two individuals.

According to Dufferin police, once they arrived on scene a male victim was found outside suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a trauma centre with non-life threatening injuries.

The suspect, a 54-year-old man, police said had barricaded himself and two other individuals inside of the home.

Officers from the Dufferin Crime Unit and the OPP Integrated Response Team, which includes the Emergency Response Unit (ERT), Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU), Canine Unit and OPP Crisis Negotiators were called to assist with the incident.

Police said after a "lengthy" negotiation the two individuals were removed from the home and checked by Dufferin Emergency Services with no reported injuries.

OPP officers just before 10 a.m. on Saturday (March 20) entered the home and located the man in the basement, having sustained a fatal gunshot wound.

The SIU said at this time it does not appear that a police-issued firearm was discharged.

The Ontario SPCA later arrived to remove two dogs from the home. Three cats that



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SCENE OF THE CRIME: Dufferin OPP blocked off the scene of a home located at Wellington Street in Orangeville, Saturday (March 20) following an incident that led to the death of a 54-year-old man.

were missing from the home, were later found.

Residents in the area spoke with the Citizen, recalling being evacuated in the early morning hours.

"I got up out of bed around 4 [a.m.] and I saw the flashing light in the window and that's how I figured out what was going on," said Terry Brooker. "It wasn't long after that they kicked us out."

Another resident, spoke about the scene as police arrived.

"We saw a couple of cop cars, we just thought somebody was pulled over, and then more showed up, and then more, then the big

SUVs, the technical vans, we knew something was going on. They started getting out of the vans in camouflage, full tactical gear, and rifles."

Residents that spoke with the Citizen, said they didn't hear any gunshots prior to the incidents.

The SIU was contacted by OPP and invoked their mandate. As the province's police watchdog, they investigate incidents involving police where there is serious injury, death, or allegations of sexual assault.

Three investigators and two forensic investigators have been assigned to the case.

Since the incident, family members of the suspect have taken to social media to discuss mental health.

Anyone with information about the incident, including video evidence such as dash cam or home security, is being asked to contact the lead investigator of the case at 1-800-787-8529.

Tragedy averted after car crashes on front yard of Dufferin home

A tragedy was averted when a vehicle driven by a 56-year-old man finally came to rest after crashing between two homes.

OPP officers received multiple reports around lunchtime last Thursday (March 18) of a possible impaired driver traveling Northbound on Highway 10 in Caledon towards Orangeville. Information was that the driver hit a road sign and struck a vehicle on Highway 10 at Highway 9.

Fleeing the scene, the driver ran through a red light. The driver was then observed turning onto Oak Ridge Drive in Orangeville and blew through two stop signs in front of Island Lake Public School.

The driver crossed the road into the oncoming lane mounting the curb and the vehicle eventually came to rest when it crashed between two homes on Oak Ridge Drive.

The 56-year-old male driver from Maxwell, ON has been charged with:

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- Dangerous Operation of a motor vehicle contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada
- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking
- Fail to Remain at the Scene of Accident contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

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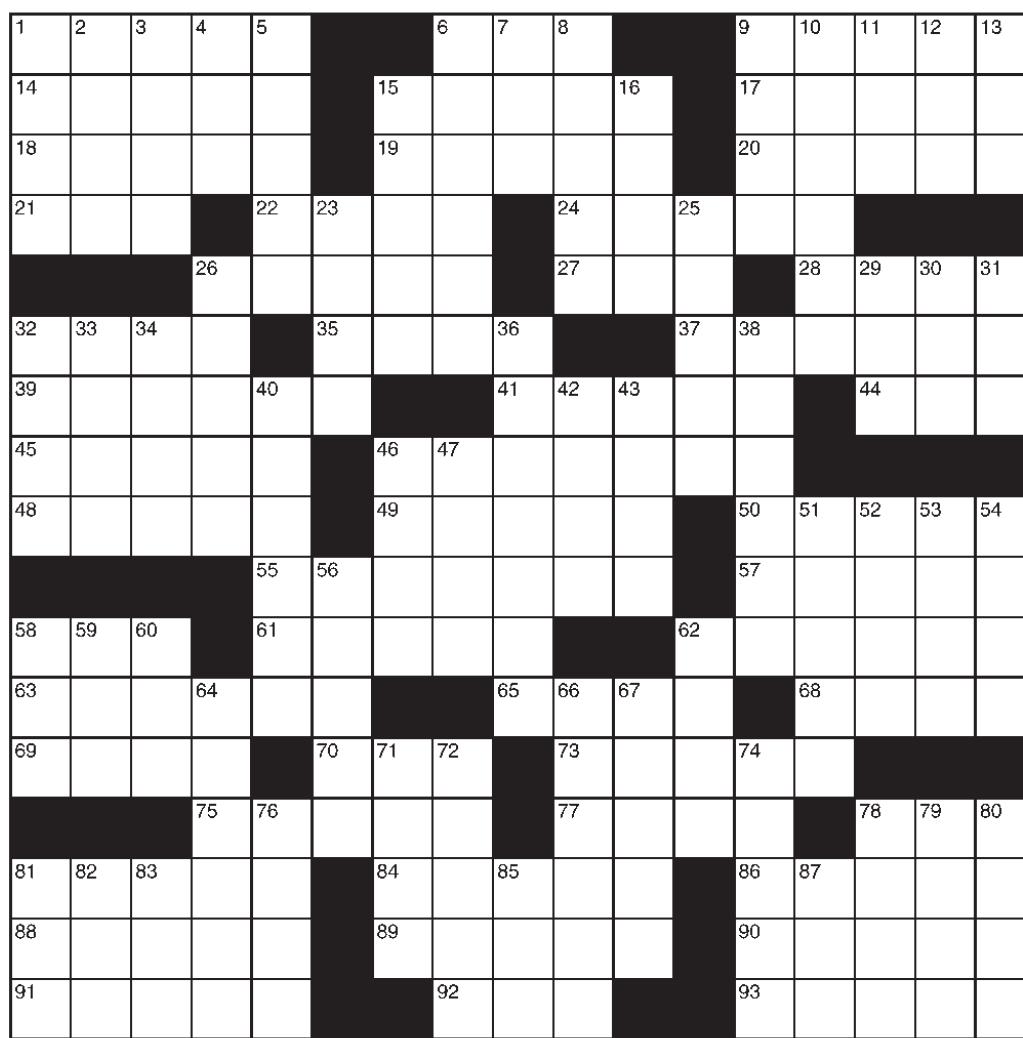
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35. Deficiency
37. Harmony
39. Straightforward
41. Gaucho's rope

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45. Eight singers
46. Very small amount
48. Giraffe's kin
49. Stately
50. Social division
55. Type of truck
57. Spam source
58. Fitness facility
61. Boutonniere's location
62. Female college grad
63. Breadwinner
65. Countess's spouse
68. Glimpsed
69. Modeling material
70. Cotton machine
73. Shoe leather for Elvis
75. Distrustful
77. Gush out
78. Lady lobster
81. Dislike intensely

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15. River embankment
16. Greek porch
23. Cousin's mother
25. Slide smoothly along
26. Bird's noise
29. "It's ___ or Never"
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31. Work by Keats
32. Drive away
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Shelburne Council investigating upgrades to sewer plant

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



The Town of Shelburne could see upgrades in the near future to its sewage treatment plant as reports from Town staff show a shortage in capacity with new developments.

Shelburne Town council received the report on the sewage capacity allocation from Jim Moss, director of development and operations for the town, during their meeting on Monday (March 22).

"This report and the accompanying analysis have confirmed that there is not enough sufficient allocation for all the development that's out there, of what's being requested. This will not be possible to service without upgrading the sewage treatment plant, so we can't accommodate everybody unless we have those upgrades done," Moss told councillors.

According to the report given to Council, the cost for the project is estimated to be quite significant, between \$26 million and \$33 million.

Following the outline of the report from Moss, Town Planner Steve Wever provided councillors with the Town's staging of development plan. The official staging plan helps provide direction on allocating and reserving servicing capacity when there is more demands for capacity than is available.

"What we have right now is very clearly a lot more demand than remaining capacity, and we've known for some time that we were going to reach that point," said Wever.

In the updated staging plan there are currently 540 residential units and 1.93 hectares

of industrial, commercial or institutional (ICI) allocated. Developments in the town allocated include Hyland Village, the residential portion of Fieldgate, the Stone Ridge Holdings, the new plaza located at the north end of Shelburne, the Ice Rive Springs facility, and the Blue Mountain Plastics development.

"There is quite a bit of development committed and approved, so we have to make sure that servicing is maintained for those developments," said Wever.

Future developments in the proposal process show 572 more residential units and 9.56 hectare for ICIs in demand.

Wever said with the demand for future proposals there is a major shortfall, urging the need for an expansion on the waste water plant.

Stephen Burnett, the municipality's contracted engineer, presented council with the details of the current sewage treatment plants capacity.

Burnett brought to council's attention that the peaking usage number for 2020 is only a few hundred cubic metres below the peak

capacity of the treatment plant.

Burnett in his presentation to council agreed with both Wever and Moss that the sewage treatment plant does not have sufficient capacity to allocate for additional developments.

Coun. Walter Benotto following the report asked how long upgrades to the sewage plant would take.

Burnett said it would be approximately a year of design and an estimated two years of construction.

One concern brought up by councillors following the presentation from staff was being able to allocate capacity for a senior housing development in the works with Flato Development, a priority project flagged by Council. Earlier in the meeting, council received a request from Flato Development to allocate sewage capacity for the senior's housing development and an ICI development.

The possibility of re-allocating capacity from some developments to others was addressed by council. A special meeting will be scheduled to discuss capacity with other developers prior to the end of April.

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Nearly 200 new long term care spaces coming to Dufferin

Written By Sam Odrowski

Increased capacity for long term care is coming to Dufferin County

A brand-new long-term care home is being built at 515 Broadway, Orangeville that will feature 192 new spaces and is expected to begin accepting residents in 2023.

The home will be called Headwaters Long-Term Care Residence by Primacare Living and will have a campus care model.

“The number of residents in Dufferin-Caledon who will need long-term care is expected to rise over the next decade,” said MPP Sylvia Jones. “Today’s announcement will help ensure that we have safe and comfortable LTC beds, close to home, for those who need it.”

There are currently three long-term care homes in Dufferin: Avalon Care Centre (137 beds), Dufferin Oaks (160 beds), and Shelburne Long-Term Care (60 beds), totalling

almost 360 beds, so the addition of 192 beds will account for more than a 50 per cent increase in system-wide capacity.

In addition to modernizing the long-term care sector, the recently announced long-term care projects are expected to reduce waitlists and assist with ending hallway medicine.

As of Dec. 2020, more than 40,000 Ontarians were on waitlists to access a long-term care bed.

The new home that’s coming to Orangeville is one of 80 new long-term care projects that will lead to an additional 7,510 new and almost 4,200 upgraded long-term care spaces.

This addition of long-term care spaces will cost \$933 million and are part of Province’s 10-year plan for creating 30,000 new long-term spaces in Ontario.

Out of the 80 new projects, Orangeville is one of 18 that will create campuses of care

and provide new spaces for Indigenous, Francophone and other cultural community residents.

Province-wide, the investments in the sector also support key government priorities, including eliminating three and four bed ward rooms, particularly in the era of COVID-19.

In terms of direct care, Ontario has committed to an average of four hours per day for individuals in long term care homes. It’s important to note, Ontario is the first province in Canada to take this step.

“Our loved ones in long-term care deserve a comfortable, modern place to live, near family and friends, with the support they need when they need it,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care.

“These new and upgraded spaces, built to modern design standards, will help prevent and contain the transmission of infectious diseases and ensure residents have access to

the care they need in a safe and secure environment.”

The criteria for selecting the newly announced projects include:

- Upgrading older homes in response to lessons learned around improved Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures, particularly the elimination of three and four-bed rooms;
- Adding spaces to areas where there is high need;
- Addressing the growing needs of diverse groups, including Francophone and Indigenous communities; and/or,
- Promoting campuses of care to better address the specialized care needs of residents.

With the allocation for 80 long-term care projects, Ontario has 20,161 new and 15,918 redevelopment spaces in the development pipeline for long-term care.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health moves to Orange

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) region has officially made a move down on the COVID-19 response framework from red (control) to the orange (restrict) category.

The Ontario government announced the move for the region last Friday (March 19) with the changes to the restriction going in effect Monday (March 22) at 12:01 a.m.

With the move to the orange (restrict) category, public events and social gatherings will have limits of 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors. Religious services rites, ceremonies including wedding services and funerals will allow for 30 percent capacity for indoors and 100 people outdoors.

Restaurant and bars in the region are now



permitted to have the lesser of approximately 50 per cent capacity for indoor dining or 100 seated customers. Outdoor seating is limited to allow for 2 metres physical distancing to be maintained. Establishments must be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and liquor can only be sold and served between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Gyms and recreational fitness facilities can now have a maximum of 50 people indoors in total with weights and exercise machines, but classes will have a capacity of 10 people.

Other changes with the switch to orange (restrict) including cinemas and performing arts facilities to have limits of 50 indoors and 100 outdoors.

Stores must have passive screening, such as signage, for patrons. This does not apply to indoor malls, which are required to actively screen their customers before they enter the mall. Malls can use the patron screening tool to help meet this requirement.

With the shift to the orange-category, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Christine Elliot warned residents to not let their guard down.

“With the significant and increasing risk of COVID-19 variants, the next few weeks will be critical in our fight against COVID-19,” said Elliot.

For more information on the change to the orange (restrict) category, and the restrictions go to the province’s COVID-19 response website.

UGDSB students participate in virtual conference H2Awesome!

Intermediate students from the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) and Wellington Catholic District School Board will be taking part in an annual conference addressing water conservation.

H2Awesome! has traditionally been held as an annual one-day conference at the University of Guelph for Grade 8 students in the Upper Grand and Wellington Catholic school boards. The conference focuses on

the importance of water and water conservation.

With the current restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of the event opted to move the conference to a virtual format allowing it to be held over a five week period.

“Going virtual has allowed us to expand the voice of water. Under this format, 7-10 narratives will be heard and although each

perspective could be appreciated as a stand-alone experience, collectively they will blend and incredible story,” said Peter Glaab, H2Awesome! organizer and healthy active living resource teacher at Wellington Catholic, in a press release.

The 2021 H2Awesome! “Water Matters” Conference, will feature a number of keynote speakers including The Water Brothers, Emily Da Sousa, Paul Gifford, Jeremy Shute, Dan and Mary Lou Smoke, Jennifer Baichwel, Greg Kennedy, and Jan Sherman, as well as French Language presentations by UGDSB students Robyn Gow and Laura Gilbert.

“It is great to bring such a diverse group of speakers into classrooms virtually. Most of the speakers are community partners of both school boards. Many students will be familiar with them,” said Heather Walker, an H2Awesome! organizer and UGDSB curriculum leader, in the press release for the event. “Connecting our students to members of their own community who are working on water conservation, Indigenous water rights,

and the importance of water is powerful. It will help student to examine their own relationship with water.”

Over 90 classrooms between the Upper Grand and Wellington Catholic school boards will be participating in the week’s long conference, including students from both Grade 8 and Grade 7.

Grade 8 students have previously been the target grade for the conference, as their science and technology curriculum addresses water and the conservation of it.

“The hope is that this conference will inspire inquiry, design thinking and tap into 21 Century learning skills such as critical thinking and leadership. We are excited to see what student actions and student voice will come from this learning experience,” added Walker.

H2Awesome! officially launched on Monday (March 22), which marked World Water Day, an annual United Nations day of observance that highlights the importance of fresh water. The conference will run until April 22 (Earth Day).

COVID-19 numbers for Shelburne and the WDG region this week

March 18 (Thursday)
WDG Region: 21 (New cases), 104 (Active cases), 22 (Newly Resolved)
Dufferin County: 6 (New cases), 30 (Active cases), 2 (Newly Resolved)
Shelburne: 8 (Active cases)
Orangeville: 16 (Active cases)

(Active cases), 3 (Newly Resolved)
Shelburne: 9 (Active cases)
Orangeville: 17 (Active cases)

March 19 (Friday)
WDG Region: 21 (New cases), 114 (Active cases), 10 (Newly Resolved)
Dufferin County: 7 (New cases), 34

March 22 (Monday)
WDG Region: 54 (New cases), 135 (Active cases), 32 (Newly Resolved)
Dufferin County: 23 (New cases), 49 (Active cases), 8 (Newly Resolved)
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Headwaters Health Care Centre CEO Kim Delahunt shares message with community

Kim Delahunt, President & CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre shared a message with the community, one year after the pandemic first began.

"As I reflect to one year ago, our team at Headwaters was moving quickly to respond to the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Little did we know what was in store, and how much would be required from all of us to continually adapt and respond as the year continued.

In 2020, we went to great lengths to strengthen our infection prevention and control protocols to ensure that our staff and patients remained safe, we mobilized with our health care partners to coordinate the accumulation and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE), and we worked hard to continue to provide our programs and services in the best way possible.

The year certainly presented us with challenges. With many of our outpatient programs and clinics closed for a number of months, volunteers not being able to provide the support they usually give to the hospital and the challenges our staff faced like everyone else as parents, children of elderly parents and community members, we have all certainly felt the pinch and impacts of this pandemic. Not to mention that several of our staff contracted COVID-19 themselves, we have cared for several seriously ill patients and we deployed to local long-term care homes to support their efforts to care for their elderly residents with COVID-19. These are but a few of the realities we encountered.

Yet, there were some bright spots too. One of the most heartwarming and gratifying to all of us at Headwaters has been the outpouring of support from our community. When we put out a call for PPE, our local businesses and individuals really came through. In addition, donations of food, money and other incredible gestures of generosity like art from local school children helped boost morale and lighten our hearts immensely. We are so grateful for all of that, and for the kind messages posted on social media that have helped bolster spirits during some of the toughest times we have encountered as an organization.

We are also very proud of our COVID-19 Assessment Centre and how we were able



to effectively set it up so quickly and to pivot to bring it inside after several months outdoors under tents. And, despite the turmoil of the pandemic, we continued to challenge ourselves to fulfill many initiatives that had been planned prior to COVID-19; construction continued in our main entrance and throughout the hospital, we forged ahead with the development of a new integrated Health Information System with three partner hospitals that will launch later this year and we are heading into accreditation this Fall.

Today, while we are still managing through the pandemic, there is a clear sense of hope and optimism that is starting to surface with the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines. Many of our staff have received either their first or even second dose of a vaccine, and community roll-out is underway. While this won't make COVID-19 go away, it provides us all with some reassurance and protection against the most devastating potential of the virus. I encourage everyone to make an appointment when it is appropriate to do so, to help protect yourselves and your families and to help curb the spread of COVID-19. It is safe. It is effective. It will save lives.

I also want to let you know that the staff and physicians at Headwaters continue to be here for you. The majority of our programs and services are fully operational and we continue to be a safe place for you to access health care. We have so many everyday heroes across all departments who continue to show up each and every day. I am immensely proud of the work they do and to be part of the Headwaters team. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude. As I mentioned, over the past year the incredible generosity and spirit of the community has sustained us. It has reinforced our stated purpose that we are One Community, Caring Together. Thank you."

Dufferin OPP stop pair of speeders

The Dufferin OPP charged two drivers over the weekend with stunt driving.

The first person charged was an 18-year-old G2 driver who was travelling at 110km/h in a 50km zone on Broadway/Bythia St in Orangeville.

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Paramedic chosen for Lord Dufferin IODE's 2021 Citizenship Award

Written By Sam Odrowski

While hard work can often times go unnoticed, the community spirit and dedication of a Dufferin County paramedic is being recognized by a local service group.

Cara Burleigh has been selected as the

2021 Citizen of the Year by the Lord Dufferin IODE and received the award at the Ambulance Headquarters in Orangeville (325 Blind Line) last Thursday (March 18).

"It was a big surprise, a very nice honour to receive. I really appreciate being recognized," said Burleigh.

She's been a paramedic for 23 years and volunteers her time with local sports organizations that her children participate in, such as the Junior A Northmen lacrosse league.

Burleigh also is part of the Community Paramedic Program for Dufferin County, which provides home visits to patients with the goal of keeping them out of the emergency room.

In terms of the COVID-19 pandemic, Burleigh told the Citizen while there's been lots of changes for paramedics, herself and her co-workers have been able to adapt along the way.

"We are all very good at rolling with different things that come up, so everyone has stepped right up to do whatever was necessary," she said.

Lord Dufferin IODE vice president, Jessica Cerveny says the award is a great opportunity to honour someone in the community

who's deserving of recognition.

"We like to recognize people who are the sort of unsung heroes among everyday people in our community," she said.

Cerveny noted that the Lord Dufferin IODE wanted to award someone in the healthcare industry this year, due to the sacrifices they've made through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The award is typically given out in the early spring but last year it wasn't given out until September because of the novel coronavirus.

"This year its been nice to sort of stay on schedule, with all these protocols in place for COVID restrictions," explained Cerveny.

In addition to receiving a plaque, Burleigh chose the Orangeville Food Bank to receive a \$100 donation from the Lord Dufferin IODE on her behalf.

The Citizenship Award is given out annually and the Lord Dufferin IODE is looking forward to honouring someone again in 2022.



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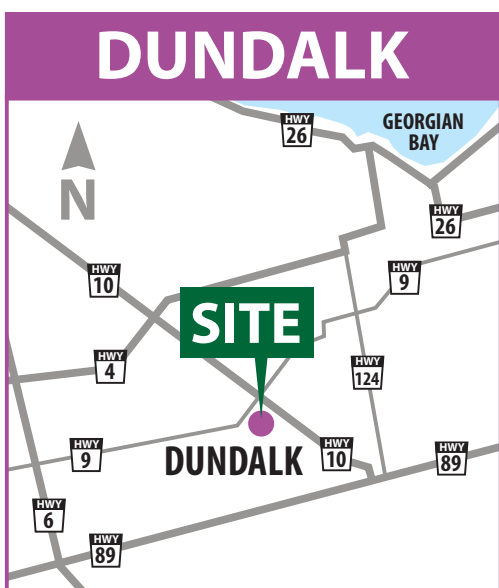
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OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP: Lord Dufferin IODE citizenship officer, Lily Cerveny (left) presented Cara Burleigh (right), who's a Dufferin paramedic, with the 2021 Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding commitment to the community.



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Logistics of Michelle Hanson trial still being decided

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The trial of Michelle Hanson, an Amaranth mother facing charges in relation to the 2018 death of her three-year old son Kaden Young, has been adjourned until March 26, as Ontario courts continue to work on the logistics on holding a jury trial during a global pandemic.

Hanson appeared in Orangeville court via Zoom briefly on Friday (March 19), where Justice Giselle Miller informed the court attendees that they would once again reconvene at a later date.

"The update I have, based on the latest notice to the perfection, there will be no jury trials in central west region before June," said Miller, before adding the request to adjourn the matter for another week (March 26).

Hanson's trial was originally scheduled to begin in a Guelph courtroom on March 8, but was put on hold as jury trials in Ontario are currently not being held due to COVID-19 restrictions. In September of 2020, Hanson's trial was relocated to Guelph from Orangeville following a request from defence attorney Marco Forte, that the trial be held outside of the Dufferin County jurisdiction.

Hanson's minivan was pulled into the Grand River on the early morning hours of Feb. 21, 2018 following heavy flooding, which saw the river water rise up onto the road. Hanson, police said, drove around a 'road closed' sign at the 10th line of Amaranth and the car was pulled into the river.

Both Hanson and Kaden, who was in the vehicle with his mother, managed to escape, but Kaden was pulled out of his mother's arms. Kaden's body was later recovered under a bridge in Belwood Lake on April 21, two months to the day from the incident.

Hanson is being tried on charges of impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing death.