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**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS:** Shirley Noble, owner of Shirley's Garden Supply and Flower Shop located along Highway 89, stands with a bouquet of flowers from her shop as they prepare for Mother's Day (May 9).

## Local garden centre ready for Mother's Day

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mother's Day is just a few days away (May 9), and Shelburne's local garden centres are in full swing, preparing for all your garden gifting needs.

Shirley Noble, is the owner of Shirley's Garden Supply and Flower Shop located along Hwy.89 just outside of Shelburne, and she spoke with the Free Press about how they're preparing for Mother's Day.

"All of our annuals should be in for the weekend of Mother's Day, we'll having hanging baskets, and all our cut flowers have been ordered. We'll be ready to make bouquets and arrangements," said Noble.

Noble has been a certified florist since 2009 and dropped a few tips for those looking to buy bouquets or arrangements this year.

"It all depends on what the client is asking for, but a lot of the time people want bright and happy," said Noble. "We like to make sure the mothers have bright, beautiful bouquets and there is a great assortment of flowers coming in with lilies, roses, and stock in all kinds of colours."

Nobel adds that the top sellers for flow-

ers arrangements tend to be roses, lilies, and peonies.

While the colour of the flowers are a big factor, Noble also notes the longevity of the different types of flowers.

"Products like lilies and roses don't last very long so we could go with gerbera daisies, commercials, and mums they all last a long time," said Noble.

Customer's unsure about which flowers they want can also always ask for designer choice.

"A lot of people will ask for designer choice and then I get to have fun making up bouquets and arrangement," says Noble, with a laugh.

Shirley's Garden Supply and Flower Shop is open for in-person shopping with a limit of three people inside, but customers are also able to order by phone and for curbside pickup.

"We'll make sure everybody will be looked after," said Noble.

Shelburne Fresh Variety, located at 604 Owen Sound Street, is another local garden centre that is in full preparation for Mother's Day.

Brent Gray, owner of Shelburne Fresh Variety, told the Free Press they have a

range of inventory for Mother's Day including hanging baskets, bedding plants, flowering shrubs and fruit bushes such as raspberries and blueberries

"The hanging baskets are the number one seller for Mother's Day, for anybody," said Gray. "But the fruit bushes are also nice, a lot of the mothers love them and the chain stores in town, they don't get into it like we do with an assortment."

For those looking to purchase hanging baskets, Gray suggests buying sooner rather than later.

"Everything is going to be short this year because of COVID, and it's going to be hard to get variety. Usually I can get hanging baskets right till the end of July and that ain't going to happen this year," said Gray. "I wouldn't be waiting."

With the weather still a little on the chilly side, Gray is also cautioning buyers about overnight frost.

"It's still early in the season, so be careful what you're buying, and try to bring them in at night," said Gray.

Customers are able to do in-person shopping at Shelburne Fresh Variety, with Mother's Day items located outside the store, as well as phone in orders for curbside pickup.

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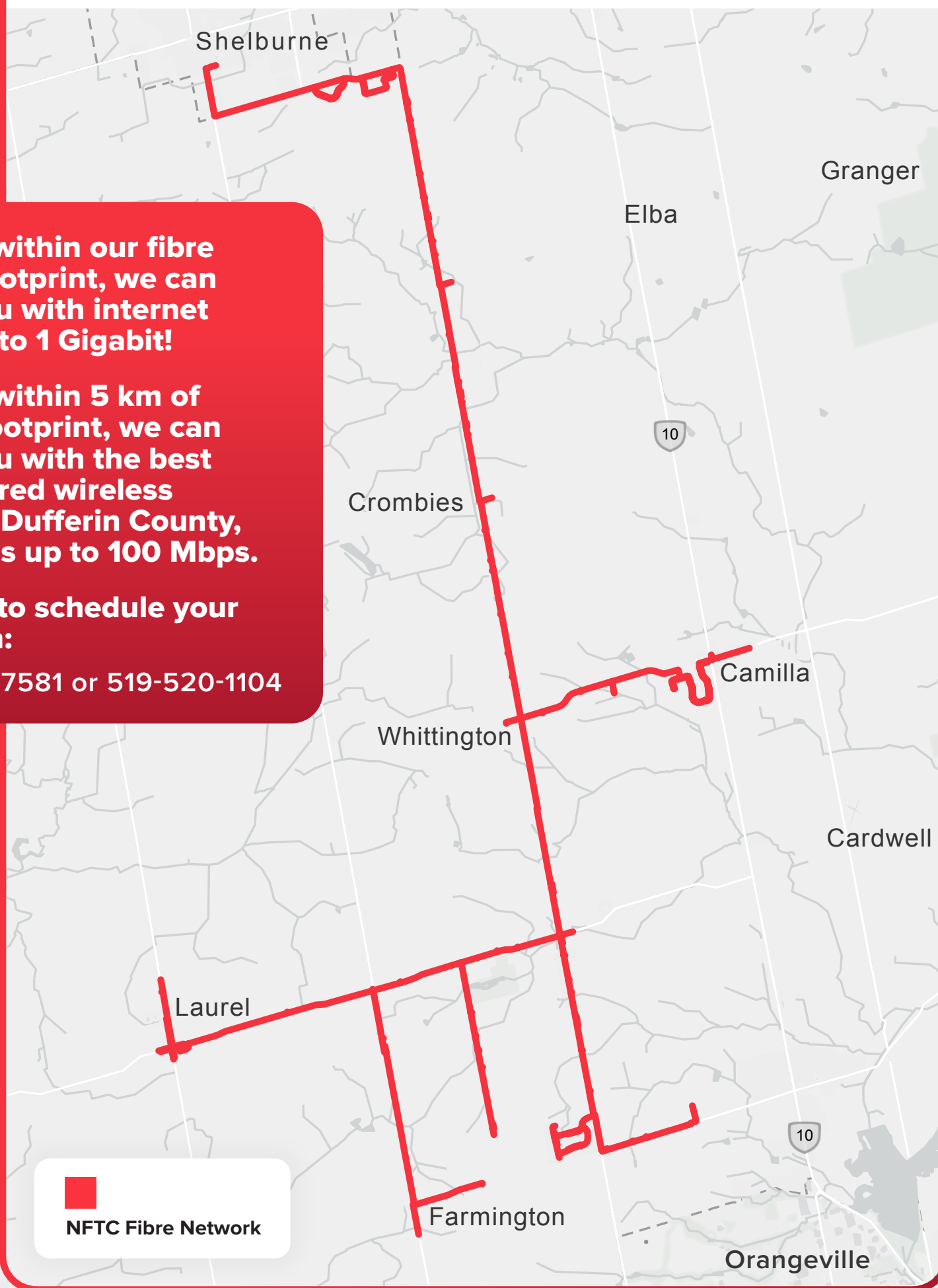
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# Shelburne introducing weekend transit pilot project

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

The Town of Shelburne is launching a transit pilot project, which will see service expanded to include weekend runs of buses.

The launch date of the transit project is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 19.

The weekend transit pilot project was originally planned to begin in early to mid-May, but has been delayed a number of times due to COVID-19 provincial orders. Town staff in the report to council noted that launching the weekend transit service during lockdown is “not strategic or effective”. The current provincial stay-at-home order was extended on

April 16, and is in effect until May 20.

Shelburne Town Council approved realigning \$25,000 included in the 2021 budget for two transit shelters, to fund the weekend transit pilot project. The project will be funded for approximately five months of weekend service.

Council also approved the realignment of \$8,000 in the budget for season winter maintenance of the two transit shelter to support local promotions and advertising of the Grey County Transit service.

With the five-month weekend pilot project to the transit service, the Town will see an increase in the number of bus stop locations, going from two to four stops. The new bus

stops will be located at the intersection of Colonel Phillips Drive and Armstrong Road as well as on School Road and Simon Street.

“That would be as close as we’re able to get to the No Frills plaza and hopefully that will support more inter-municipal use before it moves on to Orangeville,” said Town CAO Denyse Morrissey.

While the project was originally scheduled to begin in May and is now estimated to start on June 19, the launch of the weekend service could be rescheduled according to COVID-19 restrictions and orders by the province.

The transit report to Council notes that the service provider would need reasonable

notice to change their scheduling and the timing of their staff on the route.

Fares for the Hwy. 10 route (Owen Sound to Orangeville), Hwy. 26 route (Owen Sound to the Town of Blue Mountains), and Grey Road 4 (Flesherton to Walkerton) include \$5 (adults), \$4.50 (seniors and students), and free (children 5 and under). A route along Hwy. 6 (Owen Sound to Warton) fares include \$3 (adults), \$2.50 (seniors and students), and free (children 5 and under).

The Grey Transit Route (GTR) was first launched in Shelburne in September 2020 after Grey County received a grant of \$1.85 million under the Ontario Community Transportation Program.

# CYMHA launches video series in follow up to call-to-action campaign

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

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions (CYMHA) committee have launched their COVID Lessons Kid2Kid video series, after a successful call-to-action campaign looking at how the virus is mentally impacting local youth.

“The COVID Lesson Kid2Kid video series features the voices of kids in our community sharing their experience and words of inspiration to other kids,” said Jenny Aguiar-Winter of Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS), who helped organize the initiative. “This video series let them share their message to a broader audience and reach kids across our region.”

The video series started as a call-to-action campaign by the CYMHA sub-committee in March, where they asked youth ages 4-18 in Dufferin-Caledon to provide input on how they are managing fear, isolation, anxiety and change related to the pandemic.

Aguiar-Winter described the response to the campaign as “wonderful” and noted that they saw submissions from across the region including classroom submissions

from the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB).

“The kids let us know how they are coping and what is working for them when facing all the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Aguiar-Winter.

She then shared why the CYMHA sub-committee chose to create the video series from the campaign.

“We wanted a project that benefited the children and youth in our community in multiple ways such as allowing children and youth a creative outlet in sharing their stories, connecting our community through the sharing of these experiences, and that in the end provides resources to children and youth currently struggling or in need of some inspiration,” Aguiar-Winter noted.

The video series upon completion will consist of five videos all of which are specifically targeted to help children, youth, and their families. Youth will share their personal stories, experiences as well as what they learned about themselves and mental well-being through various forms such as video clips, artwork, and photography.

Aguiar-Winter adds that the CYMHA sub-committee hopes the video bring a sense of inspiration for the youth in the community

and offers them ideas on how they themselves can cope with the emotional impacts of the virus.

At the time of print, two videos from the series have been launched as part of National Children’s Mental Health Week, but there are additional video that will be launched

throughout May.

COVID Lesson Kid2Kid video series as well as a gallery of other submission can be found on the initiatives website [www.covid-lesson-kid2kid.com](http://www.covid-lesson-kid2kid.com) or at the Hills of Headwaters CYMHA’s YouTube channel.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

**RAMADAN CELEBRATION:** Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback handed out warm iftar meals in a drive-thru style Ramadan event at Shelburne’s Mosque (506195 Highway 89) on Friday, before breaking his own fast at sunset.

## MP Kyle Seeback fasts for Ramadan

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback participated in this year’s Ramadan celebrations with the local Muslim community.

He fasted all day on Friday, May 4, and handed out warm iftar meals outside of the Mosque in Shelburne (506195 Hwy 89), provided by the Muslims of Shelburne, before later breaking his fast with the meal at sunset.

For the holy month of Ramadan, which takes place from April 12 to May 12 this year, Muslims’ fast from sunrise to sunset.

“I think it’s an incredible sacrifice too fast for almost an entire month. One day is tough enough, so I think it’s really quite remarkable,” said Seeback.

He told the Citizen the most difficult part of the fast was getting through the afternoon.

“The afternoon was really tough because I guess that’s when we’re all hungry, I find. You want some kind of a snack or something,” Seeback noted.

However, at 5:30 p.m., when speaking with the Citizen, Seeback said he was feeling much better, since getting over the afternoon hunger.

He said he felt inclined to participate in the fast because of Ramadan’s significance to Muslims in the community.

“I just think we love to share religious celebrations in this country, whether it’s celebrating Christmas or whether it’s celebrating Vaisakhi, and Ramadan is a very important religious month for Muslims, so I wanted to take part in it,” Seeback explained.

The Muslims of Dufferin and Muslims of Shelburne have both hosted multiple drive-thru events during the holy month of Ramadan and collected donations for Islamic Relief, which is providing food to those in need who live in Yemen.

“I just want to say happy Ramadan to the Muslim community and hope that it goes very well,” said Seeback.

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Grounding our own air force

There is an old movie (1983) called Under Fire, that stars Joanna Cassidy, Gene Hackman, Nick Nolte, and Ed Harris, about war correspondents covering some of the hot-spots around the world.

It's a good movie with a stellar cast and a great story.

Early in the movie, journalist Nick Nolte hooks up with mercenary, Ed Harris, in an African county that is experiencing a revolution.

Harris is fighting for either the government or the rebels - even he doesn't seem to be sure, but as long as he's getting paid, he's in the field.

At one point Nolte's character finds a leaflet that was dropped by the thousands from an air-craft.

The leaflet states that any government pilot that defects, and flies his MIG fighter into hostile territory and surrenders, will be paid \$500,000 and given refuge and a large house in the U.S.A.

He shows the leaflet to Harris's character says there's no truth in that reward at all.

Harris, laughs and explains.

Since the African country has no trained pilots, they hire Cuban pilots to fly their

planes. When the government sees the leaflets, they will be afraid to let the Cuban pilots fly, fearing that the pilots will defect for the money and they will lose an aircraft.

The government forbids the Cubans to fly - thereby grounding their own air force and giving the other side air superiority without firing a single shot.

It's a genius move, he says, by the CIA, who knew what would happen.

Over the past few weeks, pretty much everything in the province has been shut down or heavily restricted.

A trip into the local dollar store reveals some aisles open, other roped off, and other partially closed. You can purchase something from one shelf, but six inches away, there is a sign telling you those items aren't for sale.

I don't know how much these type of stores are losing daily by not being able to sell the stock that is on their shelves, but I'm sure it's a lot.

After a disastrous ski season that cost the industry around \$80 million in Ontario when the ski hills were closed, the golf industry is going through the same thing.

Golf season is already here and the industry is, or was, gearing up for the summer - which is of course when they make all their money. Except there are no golfers. The courses are closed.

We all know that the current situation means we all have to be careful, but what is the final cost going to be if commerce is stopped?

With a golf course you can't just close the doors and turn off the lights until you can reopen. That course has to be maintained and that's pretty expensive when no one is paying greens fees.

It has been reported that some golf courses will be forced to close for good if the ban remains through June. That means some people are going to be out of a job.

How many of those unemployed people will be shopping in your appliance store this summer? Or eating in your restaurant, or buying a new car?

It's a tricky situation but at the same time, is there a point where it has gone too far?

No doubt you've noticed the prices of many items have gone up and some con-

tinue to rise. This situation is now putting a lot of pressure on other areas like the construction industry which has seen the cost of building supplies go through the roof.

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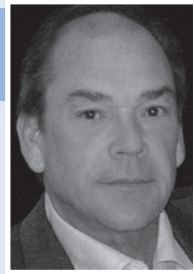
Yes, it is a difficult situation, but it's going to be a lot more difficult if the economy is crippled, especially when it doesn't have to be.

Many activities are safe and yet the full on shut-down is tying the hands of business owners and forcing them to stop operating.

Golfing inherently has physical distancing and the industry points out there is not one case of transmission of the virus at any golf course. That goes for a lot of other activities as well.

By putting the slam dunk on everything and grinding the economy into the ground, we really are grounding our own air force, and we won't be able to fly any time soon because no one will be able to afford the cost of a ticket.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Our Readers Write

Shelburne's first Imam

Imam Yehya Soliman has established the first ever Mosque in the history of Dufferin County and is the first ever Imam as well as Leader of the Muslim community in Dufferin County.

Imam Yehya's prodigious and extremely impressive dedication and admirable passion in embracing, celebrating and sharing multiculturalism is done so with a place of deep understanding as the Imam comes from a bilingual, Egyptian (Arab), Muslim background.

He is a senior council member in the National Canadian Council of Imams where they hold monthly meetings, press releases, seminars and conferences in the council bringing most of the Imams together, uniting them, and uniting different communities on many issues, including discriminatory and inequitable cultural differences that are very prominent in the Muslim communities.

Imam Yehya's role includes the advocacy for the acceptance and embracement of cultural, ethical and linguistic differences in Muslim communities.

The National Canadian Council of Imams has also filled a vacuum with the different levels of Government and has been the principal liaison throughout the nation.

For example, in January of 2020 Imam Yehya was one of the seven Imams invited

to the Parliament Hill on NCCM's National Advocacy Day to advocate for stronger measures to combat online hate related to racism, religion and cultural matters.

Besides a number of cultural and religious policy changes in the CCI, Imam Yehya's continuous advocacy and efforts have led to the permanent establishment and recognition of the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia by the Government of Canada.

The Imam has also initiated and hosted a number of "Welcome Ramadan" events in which individuals from all backgrounds and cultures were invited to speak on their perspectives, understanding and celebration of the month.

The feedback from the Muslim community in Dufferin County was overwhelmingly incredible as they were able to see the differences around them in a new light. Additionally, in summer of 2020 Imam Yehya was invited to the Anti-Black Racism, Anti-Racism and Discrimination Task Force to speak about his experiences and recommendations to Shelburne, which included a powerful message that "Actions Speak Louder Than Words".

He emphasized the need for diversity and safety in workplaces, recognition of all minorities, ensuring policies are enforced, en-

suring people are heard and that all council members are acknowledging the cultural differences in the town of Shelburne and all over Dufferin County.

Imam Yehya was also on a call with the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that involved faith leaders from all cultural and religious backgrounds. In this meeting Imam Yehya spoke about religion meeting culture, how they affect each other, what as a faith leader he is doing to ensure people of all cultures are comfortable in their faith spaces and also made suggestions and a number of recommendations on multiculturalism and how it can be supported by the government, specifically, in the more rural areas like the Dufferin County.

Imam Yehya is also a part of the Canadian Muslim COVID-19 Task Force that hosts several events besides social media posts and senior member meetings, that cater to the different cultural populations in the Muslim Community.

For example, the Imam was a guest in one event titled "Understanding the COVID-19 Vaccines" that catered to the

Arab population and helped them understand the vaccines from a more religious and cultural perspective.

From being on several meetings with Canadian politicians, to supporting different religious and cultural communities, to local awareness (events, local stores, invitations, activities, social media), to working for matters significant to different cultures, to religious and cultural services the Imam has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate incredible and outstanding commitment to ensure that the community is inclusive, respectful and welcoming for all through involvement in various activities, events, and boards of management.

He evidently embraces the differences, diversity and linguistic duality in the Dufferin County and leads by example through volunteering personal time to foster an environment that is conducive to empowerment, engagement and commitment both in the Mosque and community around him.

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# Suspect arrested following stabbing in Shelburne

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have made an arrest in relation to a stabbing incident in the Town of Shelburne.

On Monday, May 3, 2021, at approximately 1:26 a.m., officers, along with other emergency services personnel, responded to a report of a stabbing on Silk Drive in the Town

of Shelburne. The victim was transported to a local trauma centre with non-life-threatening injuries.

There is no threat to public safety.

As a result of the investigation, a suspect has been arrested and charged with Assault with a Weapon and Mischief Under \$5,000. The accused was released on an Undertaking

and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in July 2021.

The name of the accused will not be released to protect the identity of the victim.

Dufferin OPP Crime Unit is continuing the investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB).

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or has any information, is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 519-942-1711 or 519-925-3838.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

## OPP investigate transport truck rollover

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with Dufferin County EMS Department, attended a serious two-vehicle collision, which took place on April 27, 2021, at approximately 3:26 p.m., on County Road 9 and 4th Line in Melancthon Township.

Officers are currently investigating a serious collision involving a passenger vehicle and a transport septic truck rollover. As a result of the collision, one of the drivers sustained serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and was airlifted by Air Ornge to a

trauma centre. The other parties were assessed on scene by EMS and did not require transport to the hospital.

The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

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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**TRANSPORT COLLISION:** Dufferin OPP arrived to the scene of a collision in the intersection of 17th Sideroad and 3rd line in Melancthon to investigate on the morning of May 3. Occupants from both vehicles received minor injuries. Roads were closed at 4th Line and 17th sideroad and at County road 124 and County road 17 for approximately 8 hours.

## Five cars stolen from Honda dealership

Dufferin OPP are currently investigating the theft of five brand new vehicles from the Orangeville Honda Dealership located on Highway 9. On Thursday, April 29, 2021, a surveillance video of the theft was made available to police.

There is a link to the surveillance video provided below.

The theft took place on April 20, 2021, at approximately 11:45 p.m. Video of the theft confirms the vehicles were driven individually off the lot. There is no suspect information at this time, however, the investigation

is ongoing and any updates will be provided as information becomes available.

The stolen vehicles are all 2021 Honda CRV models, white, grey and blue in colour. The vehicles are valued at approximately \$45,000 each for a total of \$225,000 in stolen property.

Anyone with information regarding this theft is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

## Robbery and BnE suspects arrested by OPP on Sunday

Dufferin OPP have made two arrest in relation to a robbery and break and enter incident in the Town of Orangeville.

On Sunday, May 2, 2021, at approximately 1:24 a.m., officers, along with emergency services personnel, responded to a report of a Robbery and Break and Enter on Hillside Drive in the Town of Orangeville.

The police investigation revealed that the victim was approached by three males while out for a walk. The suspects demanded money; however, the victim managed to evade the males and continued home.

The three suspects followed the victim home and forcibly gained entry into the residence. After an altercation, the suspects fled the scene in a dark sedan. The victim was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

As a result of the police investigation, two parties were arrested and charged.

Zachary RUSK, 28, of Orangeville, stands charged with the following offences:

- Robbery with violence
- Break and Enter with intent to commit an indictable offence

The accused party is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in July 2021, to answer to the charges.

Kyle BERRY, 28, of Orangeville, stands charged with the following offences:

- Robbery with violence
- Break and Enter with intent to commit an indictable offence

The accused party is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in July, 2021 to answer to the charges. Police believe that there is a third suspect, who is still outstanding.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

The charges laid have not been proven court.

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- Make hay
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- Football side
- Phony
- Citrus refresher
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- Railroad bridge
- Range
- Drink cubes
- Head growth
- Type of school
- Coal bucket
- Indirect
- Asian nanny

- Go fast
- Cashew relative
- Salt's beverage
- Immediate occasion
- Shuttle's domain
- Golf term
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- Japanese entree
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- Punctuation mark
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- Heavy book
- Tiny pest
- "Lust for Life" prop

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- Indy circuit
- More than usual
- Cancel
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- Waste allowance
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- Natural resin
- Before, in poems
- Pier
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- Flying fox, e.g.
- Unlatched, in verse
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- Island instrument, shortly
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# Council approves \$2 million funding of wastewater plant expansion designs

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

The Town of Shelburne is moving forward with an expansion to its wastewater treatment plant, approving funding for its design.

Shelburne Town Council, during their meeting on April 26, approved \$2 million in funding from the wastewater reserve to finance the design portion of the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) upgrades.

According to the report to council, the town's wastewater reserve balance at the end of 2020 was \$3.4 million with an estimated budgeted transfer of \$723,265 added through rates collected. The balance of the sewer reserve is estimated to be \$4 million by the end of 2021.

Shelburne's director of finance and treasurer, Carey Holmes said once the design phase is completed and construction commences, the sewer reserve can be replenished from development charges.

The design work for the expansion is set to begin following the completion of the plant's environmental assessment (EA) study.

"It's about a year design time frame," said Stephen Burnett, the Town's engineer. "If the EA wraps up mid-summer, this should have the design completed by mid to late summer next year pending any hiccups."

An allocation report of the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) found that there is not sufficient allocation for new and proposed developments. Shelburne Town council received a report in September 2020, which gave the Town three options for upgrading the plant, and estimated the cost of upgrades between \$26 million to \$34 million.

The report states, a pilot testing of membrane bioreactors (MBR) water treatment, one of the options given to council for the WPCP expansion, was recently approved by council.

The WPCP environmental assessment will be finalized pending the "confirmatory results of the pilot study", which will be completed in the next two months.

Design for the expansion is estimated to require a minimum of one year, while construction will take a minimum of two, fol-

lowing to completion of the design.

The Town is also undergoing an environmental assessments on the water supply, which has seen issues in servicing and capacity as well.

In 2020, PW1 or well #1 was taken off-line due to low production. New pumps were installed, rehabilitating the well, but due to air entrainment issues it has remained off-line. Burnett noted they are working on treating the 'bubbles', which are part of the wells design, installing new equipment, screening, and up to two air release valves.

"The plan is to have well #1 back online by about mid-summer of 2021," said Burnett. "If rehabilitation works do not work and we cannot deal with this air entrainment issue then alternatively a new well would potentially be required here, but ultimately [the] prognosis is pretty good."

The Town saw well #3 minimized in use to limit the naturally occurring arsenic levels, which are above the newly reduced drinking water limits, while a new filtration system was being designed. During the wells rehabilitation, it showed signs of being GUDI (groundwater under the direct influence surface water), and taken off-line. Project costs for the well are now estimated at \$3 million, up from the originally estimated \$1.77 million.

Work is also being done on PW7 (well #7) and PW8 (well #8), in an attempt to run them together which would double the amount of supply and could increase the flow of PW5 (well #5) and PW6 (well #6) from 75 per cent to 100.

Burnett added that a source water protect plan would need updating in consultation with the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA).

"Although most of this information and testing results will be submitted in late spring/early summer it is not anticipated that the approval will be issued until late spring/early summer 2022 for implementation of these improvements," said Burnett.

Burnett said that once the wells are turned back on the Town could meet wastewater demands for more than 15 years, with a new well needed in 2035.



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## COVID-19 statistics in Shelburne and Dufferin County this week

### May 3 (Monday)

WDG Region: 141 (New cases), 435 (Active cases), 182 (Newly Resolved)  
Dufferin County: 56 (New cases), 119 (Active cases), 57 (Newly Resolved)  
Shelburne: 26 (Active cases)  
Orangeville: 43 (Active cases)

### May 4 (Tuesday)

WDG Region: 12 (New cases), 386 (Active cases), 59 (Newly Resolved)  
Dufferin County: 1 (New cases), 99 (Active cases), 20 (Newly Resolved)  
Shelburne: 22 (Active cases)  
Orangeville: 33 (Active cases)

### May 5 (Wednesday)

WDG Region: 27 (New cases),

351 (Active cases), 62 (Newly Resolved)  
Dufferin County: 8 (New cases), 92 (Active cases), 15 (Newly Resolved)  
Shelburne: 22 (Active cases)  
Orangeville: 33 (Active cases)

### Outbreaks:

- Champs Burger Hwy. 89, Shelburne, declared May 1
- Tim Hortons Colonel Phillips Dr., Shelburne, declared April 30

### Mortalities:

The total deaths from COVID-19 in Dufferin County increased from 33 to 34 on May 4. Public Health shared that the person who passed was a male and in between ages 50 to 59.



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# Shelburne Family Dental: CDDHS Co-op Corner

Written By ALEXA DOWNEY

This week Alexa Downey from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about her experience and how Shelburne Family Dental is contributing to our community's future.

Shelburne Family Dental was first opened in the 1970's by Dr. Robert Bond and was then taken over by Dr. Dino DiSanto in the 2000's. Always welcoming new patients, this small town office offers many types of services such as fillings, crowns, implants, extractions, cleanings, root canals, and much more. Dr. DiSanto also offers orthodontic services such as braces, removable appliances, and Invisalign. Dino's office is made up of the best staff, eager to help patients, this includes two dental hygienists (Melanie and Jenn), three dental assistants (Janna, Sherry, and Cathy), three office administrators (Jutta, Jennifer, and Amanda) one sterilization technician (Jill) and a Denturist (Vincent).

As a student doing co-op at Shelburne Family Dental, I mainly worked alongside Amanda in an administrative assistant role. The tasks/duties I performed at the front of the office include pulling and filing patient charts, as well as booking and billing appointments. In the sterilization room I learned about the different machines they use to ensure the instruments are properly cleaned and ready for use. I rinsed, dried and

packaged instruments, preparing them for the sterilization machine. Within the operatory room, I removed used tools, sanitized surfaces, and prepared clean rooms for the next patient. Lastly, I assisted the Hygienist by documenting probing, bleeding, and recession within the teeth of patients. Performing different tasks around the office helped me gain knowledge and experience for the future, as I am planning on pursuing a career in Dental Hygiene.

While working at Shelburne Family Dental, I learned about all the different jobs relating to the dental field. Instead of practicing at a family clinic, you can go overseas with the military or even work in a hospital like Toronto Sick Kids as a Dentist. There are many other careers that you can pursue in this field that don't involve patient contact such as forensics, insurance, hospital management, and office administration.

Within the community, the office has done many beneficial things such as visiting elementary schools and educating the children about good oral health. The hygienists provide students with toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and other basic dental hygiene products. Shelburne Family Dental contributes to fundraisers as well as funding for a Science Award at CDDHS. Dr. DiSanto has volunteered his time in Guatemala, helping the people in need of oral health.



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CO-OP CORNER: Centre Dufferin District High School student, Alexa Downey (left) and Dr. Dino DiSanto (right) of Shelburne Family Dental have been busy providing dental services to people in need.

## Town allocates \$61,000 to offset arena budget shortfall

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Shelburne is applying some of its funding relating to COVID-19 to help offset the budget shortfall for the local arena.

Shelburne Council, during their meeting on April 26, approved allocating \$61,100 of the 2020 COVID-19 Safe Restart Funding for their share of the 2021 Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) budget.

"When we did the 2021 budget we discussed how COVID-19 has affected recreation, and we knew that the CDRC would come forward with a budget that had a lot of COVID related costs, and they did," said Carey Holmes, director of financial services and treasurer for the town.

In 2020, Town staff recommended put-



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ting \$100,000 of the \$175,400 funding from the Safe Re-start Agreement Phase 1 into reserves at the year end to assist with offsetting unknown 2021 costs.

According to the quarterly financial report, the Town's portion of the 2021 CDRC budget re-ceived in March is \$301,825. This included an additional levy of \$150,000 related specifically to COVID-19

implications, with the Town's share being \$93,000.

"Because we estimated a higher budget in 2021 we don't need to utilize the full COVID-19 funding of \$93,000 because we are collecting from the ratepayers the extra that we hadn't budgeted," said Holmes. "At this point to cover the 2021 budget for the CDRC we would only need to utilize 61,100 out of the 100,000 that we put into the reserve."

The Town's adopted budget for 2021 had to be changed because of anticipated reduced revenues and increased expenses related to COVID-19.

Within the adopted 2021 operating budget, the Town had estimated a 19 per cent increase to cover costs for the CDRC for a total of \$240,725. With the budget for the Town's portion coming in at \$301,825, there

is a budget shortfall of \$61,100.

Holmes added that the CDRC is anticipated to experience additional costs associated with COVID-19 throughout the year, and recommends at the end of 2021 that unused COVID funding be placed in reserves again to assist with the 2022 budget.

The Town of Shelburne has received three grants specifically related offsetting operation pressures due to COVID-19. In 2020 the town received \$175,400 under the Safer Restart Agreement Phase 1, in January 2021 they were granted \$35,000 through another Safe Restart Agreement and in March 2021 the Town was eligible to receive \$112,225 through the 2021 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program. This funding is scheduled to be received in two payments on May 1 and Nov. 1.

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# Shelburne physiotherapist recognized with prestigious award

Longstanding local physiotherapy clinic owner and physiotherapist David Egbert was honored to receive the prestigious Unsung Hero Award – Physiotherapy Clinical Instructor of the Year - from McMaster University.

Each year, McMaster Faculty of Health Science – School of Rehabilitation Science, awards six health care clinicians across the province. This award recognizes David's success in training methods with physiotherapists students and the subsequent positive impact on patients' health and wellbeing.

They state, "David's contribution to the Physiotherapy Program goes above and beyond the call of duty in the areas of education and research."

This year's awards were presented to David alongside the five other winners, by Dr. Dina Brooks Vice Dean Health Sciences, McMaster University, during a virtual event ceremony held on April 14, 2021 with over 500 attendees across Ontario from Professors, Students, and fellow health care practitioners.



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**AWARD WINNER:** Local physiotherapist, David Egbert received the prestigious Unsung Hero Award – Physiotherapy Clinical Instructor of the Year - from McMaster University.

David Egbert took ownership of Shelburne Physiotherapy in 2008. Each year, David has opened his practice to students for practical clinical training programs and has essentially

sponsored over 50 students. Twenty years later, David, in addition to delivering excellent patient rehabilitation, has also become a renowned instructor for up-and-coming physiotherapists.

In a supportive partnership with McMaster University, David develops interest and confidence in young practitioners through detailed, rigorous training that blends his diversity of practices and depth of experience from California to Ontario.

The Unsung Hero Award is nominated by students.

It is evident the students working with David appreciate him and his team at Shelburne Physiotherapy were not only well trained but have ultimately become proficient health care professionals. For 20 years, Shelburne Physiotherapy Centre, situated in North Dufferin Wellness Centre, has consistently delivered innovative and productive physiotherapy training. David is thrilled to be recognized for his dedication to physiotherapy care and incredibly proud to be sharing this with the Shelburne Community.

We congratulate him and wish him continued success.

## Dufferin Community Foundation again dispersing grant funding

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Dufferin Community Foundation is again distributing grant funding to local charities with a focus on supporting programs that improve mental health and well-being, as residents have endured over a year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the foundation was able to distribute \$30,000 in emergency grants to several Dufferin based not-for-profits in March, this time they're able to provide \$35,000 in grant funding, thanks to the support of their generous donors.

"The community without a doubt, has really stepped up in terms of generosity, those that have to give are giving," noted Debi Goss, Dufferin Community Foundation co-ordinator.

The four charities that are receiving the \$35,000 are Big Brothers and Big Sisters Dufferin and District, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin, the Telecheck program offered through Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC), and Family Transition Place (FTP).

Big Brothers and Big Sisters is receiving \$10,000 of the funding to add an additional staff member to help make more matches, meaning more children and youth will be matched with big brothers and sisters.

CMHA is also receiving \$10,000 to assist with their programs that directly support resident's mental health and well-being.

The Telecheck program at HHCC is getting \$9,500, which provides free daily check ins with adults in need of support within the community.

"They've been really suffering because not only can they not contact as many people, but the big challenge is with volunteers, many of their volunteers are mature volunteers who just are not comfortable," noted Goss.

Lastly, FTP will receive \$5,500 for their youth education program, which provides help and a roadmap to healthy relationship education.

The amount of grant funding designated for each organization was dependent on the request they put forward in their application, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Goss said the not-for-profit sector is facing unprecedented challenges, with an increasing demand for mental health services.

Latest polling by CMHA, conducted in March, shows that only a third of Ontarians consider their current state of mental health as "very good" or "excellent," which is a significant decrease from the 52 per cent that was recorded during the organization's first poll last May, a few months into the pandemic.

The latest poll also shows almost three in 10 Ontarians are using more substances to cope with the pandemic, which is up from 21 per cent last summer.

"I think it must be incredibly difficult to work these days in a support position for a charity or not for profit... you can imagine, they're providing services and programs to people, but they're in an overwhelmed position themselves where the need is so great," Goss explained.

"We know it's a need, that's not going to go away. Some of these interim funds do help provide some stability on the road to having some sustainability for some of these groups, but the challenges are enormous and we know they're not going away anytime soon. We absolutely applaud anybody that's working in a charity or not for profit environment these days."

When looking at the eight applications that the Dufferin Community Foundation received for the latest round of mental health support grants, Goss said it was difficult to pick just four.

"Of all of the applications that we've got, you could make a case for every single one of them and that's just the toughest decisions that our review teams have to make.

But we definitely felt that these were not only worthwhile, but they also really made a direct link between the grants, and how that would impact positively mental health and well-being," she explained.

In terms of the Dufferin Community Foundation's long-term goals, the organization is working to build endowments, with the goal of reaching \$10 million over 10 years. This will enable the foundation to generate over \$400,000 annually through the \$10,000,000 that's invested.

The Dufferin Community Foundation already has over \$550,000 invested, with most of those funds being sourced through bequests in a will. Some donors generate revenue for the organization through family funds, which donors know will help sustain the organization and continue to positively impact residents of Dufferin County.

Through building endowments, Goss said it's an attempt to "get off the treadmill of fundraising" and support the community for decades to come.

Going forward, Dufferin Community Foundation is rolling out three \$1,500 sponsorship grants, which boost existing programs that could make a positive impact from that amount of funding.

The deadline to apply for those grants is September 1 and they'll be distributed shortly thereafter.

To learn more about the Dufferin Community Foundation visit their website at: <https://dufferincommunityfoundation.ca/> or contact them by email through [info@dufferincommunityfoundation.ca](mailto:info@dufferincommunityfoundation.ca) or by phone at 519-938-0780.

"If you have any questions, just always pick up the phone or give us an email and we're happy to answer any questions you might have," said Goss.

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# Headwaters gets funding boost for National Nursing Week

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

The Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) in honour of National Nursing Week (May 10-16) is donating funds to help support local nurses.

Headwaters Healthcare Foundation has received \$10,000 in funding to go towards support for the education and training of nurses. Headwaters is among 13 local hospital foundations, which includes those in the regions of Halton, Grey, Bruce, Guelph-Wellington, Huron-Perth, and Oxford, to receive the donation. RBC donated a total of \$120,000.

"Hospitals are critically important to the health and wellbeing of our communities. We're so proud to present \$10,000 to Headwaters Healthcare Foundation as part of our overall commitment this year of \$120,000 to nursing in local communities across Southwestern Ontario," said Melanie Renon, regional vice president of Central Shores, RBC.

The RBC Foundation started the charitable initiative in 2009, and has since donated



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**HEADWATERS NURSES:** Nursing staff who work in the D-wing at Headwater Health Care Centre are happy to be recognized for National Nursing Week, which runs May 10 to 16.

over \$1 million to support nurses.

In addition to the funding the foundation has also created mental health workshops specifically curated for nurses. The free sessions include morning, afternoon, and evening editions to provide flexibility for nurses working shifts, and will be focused

on topics such as burnout, self-care, and de-escalation in crisis. The sessions are also designed and run by nurses including those from Headwaters.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put extra strain on Ontario's rural nurses. According to a Statistics Canada survey from

January of this year, more than 70 per cent of nurses said they experienced a 'breaking point' throughout the pandemic. Another Statistics Canada survey of 18,000 health-care workers across Canada showed that nurses reported worse mental health than other health-care workers, with 37 per cent saying they had poor mental health compared to 27 per cent of physicians.

"Thank you RBC for your ongoing commitment to support nursing education at Headwaters Health Care Centre. The nursing staff are grateful to participate in virtual mental health and wellness webinars and invest in their own well-being. Our nurses and their colleague have been working especially hard during the pandemic to support the health care needs of our community," said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre.

National Nursing Week (May 10-16) is held in honour of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, and is designed to increase the awareness of the contributions nursing makes to the wellbeing of Canadians.

# Feds promise changes to Bill C-10 following uproar

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

The federal government is promising an amendment to Bill C-10 following an uproar of controversy and criticism over the legislation's potential to infringe on Canadian's freedom of expression.

The criticism stemmed from the removal of an amendment to the bill last week that protected user generated content from being regulated by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) on social media platforms.

Without the protection, former CRTC vice-chair, Peter Menzies called Bill C-10 an "assault" on Canadian's ability to post their opinion online. Part of the legislation states user generated content can be flagged by the CRTC, which forces Canadians to remove their post or video within 24 hours, effectively subjecting all online speech to government review, without any clear mandate.

On Monday (May 3), Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback brought forward his concerns about the bill and asked heritage minister Steve Guilbeault, who introduced the bill, if he would re-protect user content, during Question Period. In Guilbeault's response,

he compared Seeback to the "most radical elements of the Conservative Party" and didn't indicate if protections would be put back in place.

However, later that day, in a statement to Global News, Guilbeault said the federal government is bringing forward an amendment that will make it "crystal clear" that users generated content won't be regulated under Bill C-10, but there were no details on the amendments specifics or when it will be brought forward.

Following this development, Seeback told the Citizen he isn't confident of Guilbeault's sudden change in position.

"The minister called me a conservative radical for raising this issue and now he's suggesting he's going to do something. I don't believe him. I don't believe that he's going to put in adequate protections for Canadians," Seeback noted.

Seeback started a petition last week asking the Government of Canada to immediately withdraw or repeal Bill C-10, and respect Canadians "freedom of expression, our right to equal access of content online, and the flourishing of a free and open Internet."

The petition has since received enough

support to be officially accepted to the House of Commons portal for online petitions.

Seeback noted that there are already laws in place against hate speech and the incitement of violence, so a bill regulating speech does nothing but provide the feds with over-reaching powers to regulate what's posted online.

"There's lots on the internet that I don't want to see and none of us should see, but the danger is when the government starts to determine what can be put there and what can't be put there. It is just far too open for partisan abuse and a government should not have that power to infringe on Canadians fundamental freedoms," said Seeback.

He told the Citizen that if Bill C-10 doesn't get rectified to protect user content, there could be Charter of Rights and Freedom challenges over the legality of the legislation.

Guilbeault says the intention of Bill C-10 is to get some accountability from websites like Netflix and YouTube to get them to contribute to Canadian content promotion and set aside additional funding to support the development of Canadian content.

This would mean compelling Netflix, YouTube, and other web giants to behave

similarly to Canadian distributors of Broadcast content such as Rogers, Shaw and Bell, who are required to broadcast a certain amount of Canadian content and pay into the Canadian Media Fund (CMF) with a portion of their revenues each year.

Seeback noted that Bill C-10 has the potential to make web giants pay their fair share, but too many regulations are being left to the CTRC to be determined, without a proper discussion in the House of Common.

Going forward, he told the Citizen he'll keep the pressure on the feds until an amendment does come forward to protect what Canadians post online.

"We're going to keep fighting it the way we are, raising it in Question Period, demanding answers from the minister," said Seeback.

"I'd absolutely love to hear from constituents, what their views on this are... feel free to get in touch with me in my office. I'd be happy to chat."

Seeback's office can be contacted at (519) 941-1832 or by emailing Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca.

Following repeated attempts, the Citizen was unable to reach the heritage minister's office for comment.

# Public Health releases new tool for checking online vaccine pre-registration status

On Wednesday WDG Public Health launched a tool for residents to check their pre-registration status. Built by Public Health for residents of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, the new "Check My Pre-registration Status" tool is for people who have not yet received

an appointment invitation or their first dose of the vaccine.

This new tool will help people check that their pre-registration was successful and ensure there are no delays to booking their vaccination appointment as soon as one is

available to them.

"Our team has been working throughout the vaccination program to create and improve tools to make it easier to pre-register and book their vaccine appointment," said Dr. Kyle Wilson, Director of Informa-

tion Systems. "We know people are eager to get vaccinated, therefore, we are leveraging technology to make this happen in the most efficient way possible."

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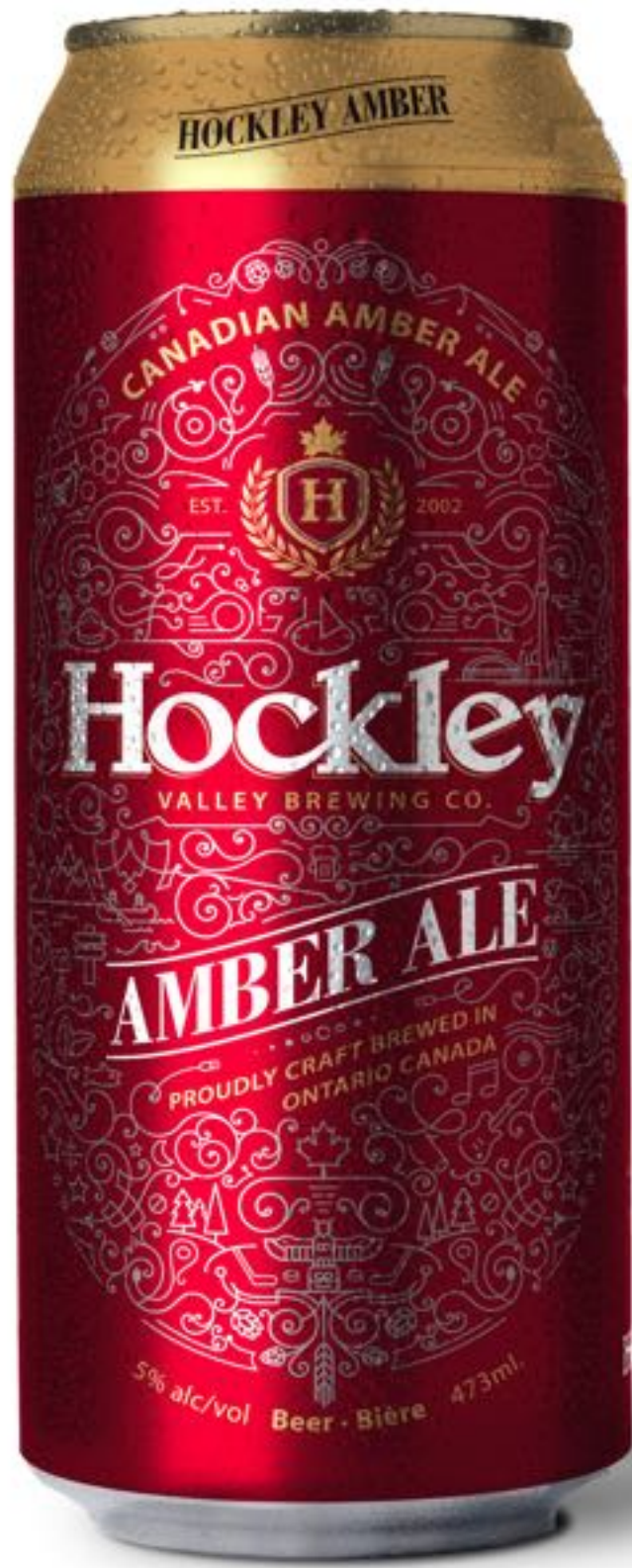
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