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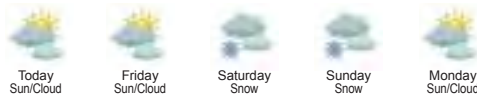
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**TIS' THE SEASON:** A group of ten local children donated a total of \$600 to the Shelburne Food Bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, on Dec 8, after holding a month-long bottle collection initiative in the effort to help local families in need this holiday season. Turn to Page 2 to read a full story on the donation.

## 13 per cent tax levy suggested for 2022 budget

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

Shelburne Town Council has got their first look at a breakdown of the 2022 draft budget.

Carey Holmes, director of financial services for the Town of Shelburne, presented councillors with a detailed report on Monday (Dec. 13), which broke down staff's suggested 13 per cent tax levy increase for the operating budget.

"While it is unfortunate that this budget may seem unrealistic with respect to the suggested increase, staff have built the 2022 budget and the presentation with a bright and positive outlook that its adoption will support council's vision of being a community that is engaged, connected, and innovative," said Holmes to begin the presentation.

The draft budget presented to Council consisted of a tax levy increase not exceeding 13 per cent resulting in a 8 per cent tax rate increase, including an approximately 1.12 per cent (\$100,000) tax levy increase for arts and culture, a 5.09 levy increase related to staffing and utilizing \$200,000 from tax stabilization reserve.

Holmes noted that the estimated amount

to be raised by taxation for 2022 is slightly over \$8.8 million, calculated by taking to total operating expenses of \$11.3 million for 2021 and subtracting the revenues of around \$2.9 million.

The total estimate for general operating expenses of \$11, 803,017 is split up amongst eight expenditures including: police (\$3,600,581); operations and transit (\$2,353,533); general government and town hall (\$2,246,042); recreation and culture (\$1,231,053); planning and development (\$1,337,971); fire protection (\$473,086), council and committees (\$201,288); other protective services (\$359,464).

"The Town is facing significant financial pressures and increased expenses in order to respond to the service and amenity expectations and needs for the small town as we continue to experience significant growth coupled with unavoidable cost drivers," said Holmes.

The homeowner tax impact for the 2022 draft budget, based on an average single family home assessment of \$355,366, is an 8 per cent tax rate increase amounting to an additional \$199 per year, or \$16.58 per month on the town portion. Holmes noted that due to a 5.3 per cent taxable assessment growth,

the tax rate is able to be lower than the 13 per cent tax levy.

The presentation detailed how \$1 of taxpayer's money goes: \$0.34 Police Services, \$0.05 Fire Protection, \$0.11 General Government and Town, \$0.25 Public Works, \$0.02 Council and Committees, \$0.12 Recreation and Culture, \$0.07 Planning and Development, \$0.04 Other Protective Services.

The draft budget for 2022 also addressed a number of capital projects including: \$2.7 million for infrastructure, road projects and capital equipment purchases; \$1.1 million to parks and recreation for the splash pad, tennis and pickleball court, and off-leash dog park; and \$200,000 toward municipal drains, downtown beautification, and health and safety.

Holmes said for the capital projects approximately \$195,000 will be funded from tax.

The water and sewer capital for the draft 2022 budget is set at a total of \$12.9 million with multiple upgrades such as the design phase for the water pollution control plant (\$2 million), a new secondary water tower (\$7.1 million), and remediation of Well 3 (\$3.8 million).

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# Local group of kids fundraise for Shelburne Food Bank

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

When a group of local children realized the holiday season would once again be a struggle for many families in the community, they decided to take fundraising efforts into their own hands – one bottle at a time.

Last Wednesday (Dec. 8), Kayley and Payton Glasgow, Ellis and Ava Boyle, Nixon and Sutton Evy, Hunter and Oliver Kinsley, and Blake and Oaklynn Conner donated a total of \$600 to the Shelburne Food Bank, Shepherd's Cupboard. The money was raised through an empty bottles collection.

"Their goal was to pay forward some happiness this holiday season to people who maybe didn't have the opportunity or weren't as privileged," explained Lisa Hutchinson-Conner, mother of Blake and Oaklynn, to the Free Press.

Over the last month the group of ten, who range from 9 years-old to as young as 15 months, collected empty bottles for return from friends, family members, and neighbours as a way to raise the donation money.

"It was all around a community involvement of everyone wanting the help these little ones do a big deed," said Hutchinson-Conner.

According to Hutchinson-Conner the children were able to return between 30 and 40 garage bags full of crushed empties.

"We wanted them to really recognize how important it is to give to others," said Hutchinson. "Speaking on behalf of all the moms, we're beyond proud of them. They were interested, and excited to ask for and pick up their weekly collections. We were proud to see them putting in the effort and recognizing how much work it was and at the end of the day they were able to give back."

On the day of the donation, the children visited the Shelburne Food Bank and toured the facility, which Hutchinson-Conner said gave them an idea of the impact of their donation.

"They were able to see the hampers all filled up and recognized that their money contributed to that," she said.

With the success of this year's fundraising effort, the group of children are hoping to do



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**DOING SOME GOOD:** The group of 10 children hold up their donation of \$600 on Dec. 8, which was fundraised by collecting bottles in Shelburne.

# Mayor Wade Mills elected 145th Warden of Dufferin County

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

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills has been elected as the 145th Warden of Dufferin County.

Mills was elected to the position, which he will hold for the 2022 term, during a county council meeting last Thursday (Dec. 9). He is taking over the role from Melanchthon Mayor Darren White, who chose not to seek re-election after holding the position for the last three years.

Prior to the election of the 2022 term warden, White provided advice for the nominees.

"Take all of the blame and none of the credit," said White.

Councillors casted their votes for the nominees via an anonymous virtual ballot. Coun. Chris Gerrits, the Deputy Mayor of Amaranth, and Mills were both nominated for the position as the head of county council, with Mills officially being elected following an 8-6 vote.

The Warden is the head of Dufferin County Council and acts as the chief executive officer (CEO) for the County, leading Council meetings, and providing representation at functions.

Concluding his election as the 145th Warden



FILE PHOTO

den of Dufferin County, Mills was handed the floor to read the oath of office and address his fellow council members before proceeding with the regular meeting.

"Last year at this time during his inaugural address, Warden White spoke to the fact that the year ahead, 2021, was going to be characterized by challenges," said Mills. "With the benefit of hindsight now I think without question we can say that he was exactly right."

Noting the difficulty of the past 21 months Mills continued, "We as local leaders have been called upon to make some of the most

difficult decisions, quite frankly, that many of us may ever have to make in public life."

Mills addressed emerging from the pandemic and moving forward with shared goals to collectively face the gaps revealed over the almost two years.

"I do not want it to be said of us that we failed to recognize the gaps or the lessons learned by this pandemic or that we squandered this opportunity to reassess and reimagine how we function. Rather, let it be said of us that we chose to emerge from this dark and challenging period with an imaginative boldness and an intention of purpose that laid the foundation for our community's future achievements," he said.

With Mills election as the 145th Warden of Dufferin County, he joins a long list of Shelburne council representatives to be elected to the position.

The first Shelburne Council member to hold the role of Warden of Dufferin County was William Jelly in 1885. In 2000, former Mayor Ed Crewson was the last Shelburne council member elected as the head of County Council.

"It's a tremendous honor to be elected by your peers. To fill that role is pretty humbling, and to know they're putting their con-

fidence in you to lead county council for the next year," Mills noted. "It's been quite a while since Shelburne had taken a prominent role at the county level."

Mills' election also marks a significant achievement as his father Paul Mills, former Mayor of Mulmur, held the position of Warden of Dufferin County in 2018.

"He certainly left big shoes to fill, he was pretty well respected that level, and I'll certainly do my best to fill those shoes to the extent I can. It doesn't happen very often so it's kind of a neat legacy," said Mills.

During the meeting, council also selected the four chairs to lead the standing committees of County Council. Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown was selected as chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee, Mono Mayor John Creelman will again lead the General Government Services Committee, Philip Rentsch the Deputy Mayor of Grand Valley will oversee the Health and Human Services Committee, Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner will chair the Community Development and Tourism Committee, and Melanchthon Mayor Darren White was appointed to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee.

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# Local Home Hardware donates 130 quilts to long-term care

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

Seniors at a local long-term care home will be given the gift of a warm embrace this holiday season following a donation from Shelburne Home Hardware.

The business presented Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home with 130 donated quilts, last Thursday (Dec. 9), as part of the long term care homes Be A Santa To A Senior program.

Bill Gilliam, owner of Shelburne Home Hardware, told the Free Press that the donation of quilts was inspired by the kindness of one of their customers, who after winning a \$500 prize from their annual Ladies Night event, chose to buy gifts on behalf of Dufferin Oaks for the senior program.

"It's one of those things that you do extra for when it comes along, to step it up and do it," said Gilliam. "Having my own parents and grandparents go through the nursing home and residence program, I know that it can be chilly and cold in there sometimes. It's always nice to have a quilt and it's nice to have something you can say is your own."

Be A Santa To A Senior is an annual pro-

gram run by Dufferin Oaks. The goal of the program is to provide every resident in the local long term care home with a special gift to open on Christmas morning; collected through donations and shopping.

"[Home Hardware's] donation was really above and beyond, it was fantastic," said Angie Matthews, program and support services manager for Dufferin Oaks.

Matthews noted the significance of the quilt donation for the seniors, especially with the difficulties they've experience from the pandemic over the past 21 months.

"Our residents haven't had the same amount of community involvement, and visitors because they're so vulnerable," said Matthews. "To receive a donation like this is amazing at any time, but especially throughout the pandemic to have something this generous to come as we're moving forward has been really nice."

As well as donating 130 quilt blankets to Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne Home Hardware also provided 60 red and white poinsettias to decorate the resident home with.

"We donated poinsettias to decorate every dining table for them so they had some Christmas colors," said Gilliam.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**QUILTS FOR SENIORS:** Shelburne Home Hardware donated and dropped off 130 quilt blankets and 60 red and white poinsettias to Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home last Thursday (Dec. 9), as part of the local long term care home's "Be A Santa To A Senior" program. The quilts, many of which were flown in from B.C., will be given to the resident seniors at Dufferin Oak as gift to open on Christmas morning.

# Upper Grand District School Board returning to four-course semester

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

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) is planning to return to a four-course per day semester model for high schools students come the winter semester.

The plan to return to the regular semester model was announced during a board meeting on Tuesday (Dec. 14), following authorization from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health and feedback from students, parents, and stakeholders.

"Many of you will know that following the Minister's announcement of Nov. 19 some boards immediately moved to return to the four-period semester model," said Pat Hamilton, superintendent of education for secondary schools. "We were not in a position to do so, however we also believed it important to not simply assume how our stakeholders felt."



The UGDSB provided a survey to all secondary students given on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 for input on the return.

According to the report presented on Tuesday, a total of approximately 5,100 students participated (49 per cent of the student population) of which around 60 per cent indicated

support of continuing a quadmester model, while slight less than 40 per cent support a regular semester model.

Hamilton's presentation noted the difficulties with the quadmester model including organizing extra-circulars, field trips, and timing for both part-time and full-time staff.

"Our teachers did an incredible, exceptional job in shifting to quadmesters for the past year and a half, however the general consensus is that quadmesters pose significant

challenges in terms of the delivery of curriculum to students, and they believe strongly that the return to a semester model is in the best interest of students," said Hamilton.

School boards across Ontario have been utilizing models such as the quadmester since September of 2020 in order to limit contact during the COVID-19 pandemic and support contact tracing of cases. The Ministry of Education announced in November that Ontario high schools would be able to shift back to a normal schedule as of February.

The UGDSB announcement regarding the high schools schedule comes at a time when COVID-19 cases are on the rise. As of Dec. 15 Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has reported 233 active cases in the region. The UGDSB has a reported 35 cases of COVID-19 across 20 schools resulting in 24 class closure and one school closed (remote learning).

Despite the rise in COVID-19 cases the presentation said WDG Public Health has indicated no concerns at this time with the move to a semester approach.

## Weekly COVID-19 cases in the region

**Dec. 13 (Monday)**  
WDG Region: 100 (New cases), 224 (Active cases), 47 (Newly Resolved)  
Dufferin County: 26 (Active cases)  
Orangeville: 16 (Active cases)

**Dec. 14 (Tuesday)**  
WDG Region: 12 (New cases), 218 (Active cases), 18 (Newly Resolved)

Dufferin County: 24 (Active cases)  
Orangeville: 11 (Active cases)

**Dec. 15 (Wednesday)**  
WDG Region: 34 (New cases), 233 (Active cases), 19 (Newly Resolved)  
Dufferin County: 6 (New cases), 29 (Active cases), 1 (Newly Resolved)  
Orangeville: 15 (Active cases)

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# 13 per cent tax levy suggested for 2022 budget

An update was made on the amount suggested to borrow from the tax stabilization reserve. Staff originally suggested borrowing \$200,000, which has been dropped to \$143,350.

Shelburne has a tax stabilization reserve that is set up to help offset financially challenging years. Last year, the Town used the reserve to bring down the increase in the tax rate due to the pandemic.

"Staff have already indicated that 2023 is shaping up to have similar financial demands as 2022, and we may need to use

the tax stabilization reserve for another year," said Holmes.

Following the presentation of the draft 2022 budget, councillors began discussions with staff on prioritizing items, which would influence an increase in the levy and tax rate.

Council will be meeting again on Dec. 20 to continue discussions on the draft 2022 budget. Shelburne Council is expected to have a public presentation of the draft operating budget on Jan. 10, with an adoption of the budget scheduled for Jan. 24.

## NO HOLIDAY INTERRUPTION FOR WASTE COLLECTION

Collections for the day of the holiday and the rest of the week will be shifted to one day later.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18
December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	CHRISTMAS DAY
double up	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	NEW YEARS DAY
January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8

Monday ZONE

Tuesday ZONE

Wednesday ZONE

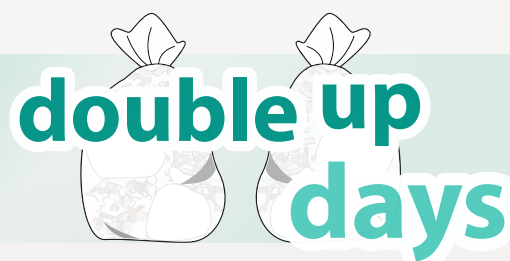
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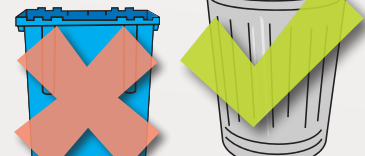
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You may be Canadian...

I think it's time to throw a little humour into
this season which we will again celebrate for
the second time under a cloud of restrictions
and uncertainty.

If you're a born and bred Canadian, you
know we all have some quirks that go along
with growing up in the Great White North.

I used to work with a guy who wore cargo
shorts every single day of the year. Even in
the middle of winter he would show up for his
shift wearing a heavy coat and shorts. Now
that is a Canadian quirk.

You probably have at least one neighbour,
maybe more, who has a snowmobile parked
on a trailer at the side of the house or in the
garage, and is praying for a heavy snowfall.

And most likely you know someone that
will sit in a tent and fish through a hole in the
ice in mid-January.

Comedian Jeff Foxworthy visited Canada
recently to do a show at the casino in Windsor.
You may remember him as the comedian
with the tag-line, "You might be a redneck..."

His observations go something like: 'If you
have two recliners AND a refrigerator on your
front porch, you might be a redneck.'

Mr. Foxworthy certainly did his homework
before his visit to Windsor. I'm pretty sure
he had some inside advice from north of the
border when putting his show together
because he really nailed a lot of what it is
about to be a Canadian.

Here are some of his observations of what
being Canadian is all about.

I'm pretty sure if you go down the list, you
will or have found yourself in most if not all of
these situations.

Here's what it means to be a Canadian:
If someone in a Home Depot store offers
you assistance and they don't work there,
you may live in Canada.

If you've worn shorts and a parka at the
same time, You may live in Canada.

If you've had a lengthy telephone conver-
sation with someone who dialed a wrong
number, you may live in Canada.

If 'Vacation' means going anywhere south
of Detroit for the weekend, you may live in
Canada.

If you measure distance in hours, you may
live in Canada.

If you know several people who have hit a

deer more than once, you may live in Canada.
If you have switched from 'heat' to 'A/C' in
the same day and back again, you may live
in Canada.

If you can drive 90 km/hr through two feet
of snow during a raging blizzard without
flinching, you may live in Canada.

If you install security lights on your house
and garage, but leave both unlocked, you
may live in Canada.

If you carry jumper cables in your car and
your wife knows how to use them, you may
live in Canada.

If you design your kid's Halloween costume
to fit over a snowsuit, you may live in Canada.
If the speed limit on the highway is 80 km
- you're going 95 and everybody is passing
you, you may live in Canada.

If driving is better in the winter because
the potholes are filled with snow, you may
live in Canada.

If you know all 4 seasons: Almost winter,
winter, still winter, and road construction, you
may live in Canada.

If you have more miles on your snow
blower than your car, you may live in Canada.

If you find -2 degrees 'a
little chilly', you may live
in Canada.

I would like to add a
few more observations.

If you change your summer and winter tires
more often than you change your car's oil,
you may live in Canada.

If you put vinegar on your French fries, you
may live in Canada.

If your neighbours tap their maple trees in
spring, you may live in Canada.

If yelling 'car!' during a road hockey game
is normal, you may live in Canada.

If you have a hockey goalie net readily avail-
able in your garage, you may live in Canada.
If you order a double-double at a coffee shop,
you may live in Canada.

If you've ever cursed the snow plow for
filling in the end of your driveway after you've
just spent two hours shovelling, you may live
in Canada.

If you're Canadian, you can probably identify
with most if not all of the above observations.
I guess that's just what makes us members
of the Great White North.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Ukraine: No Invasion

I must admit that I googled the plot of
the 1997 film 'Wag the Dog' before starting
to write this. It's a dark comedy about a US
president facing a sex scandal whose staff
invent a completely fictional war in the Balkans
to draw the media's attention elsewhere.
But sex scandals are not the Biden adminis-
tration's style.

Yet there is certainly something weird
going on. In only two weeks a full-scale panic
about Russia invading Ukraine has been
sold to the Western media, and normally
sensible journalists and analysts are talking
about war - with Russia, of all places.

All right, if you read the small print they are
really saying that the Russians are going to
invade Ukraine and that the United States
and its Nato allies WON'T fight to stop them.
Ukraine is not part of Nato and they'll sadly
have to watch it go under. But they'll be very,
very cross, and they'll sanction the hell out of
Russia. So there!

This story about Russian forces massing
on Ukraine's borders for an invasion first

emerged from US intelligence circles in
mid-November. Ukraine's President Volo-
dymyr Zelensky realised that it could mean
more American arms for Ukraine, and soon
he and his people were singing from the
same song-sheet.

Satellite images of Russian tank parks
and barracks were distributed. Reports of
Russian military units moving from Siberia
to western Russia were whispered in the
ears of favoured correspondents. Few
Western journalists remembered how
partial and distorted this sort of 'information'
was during the Cold War, so most of them
uncritically repeated it.

The 92,000 Russian troops that are
allegedly now near the Ukrainian border
is really not a very impressive a number,
given that the Ukrainian army is 255,000
strong, but the same US intelligence sources
say the Russians plan to raise the number
on Ukraine's border to 175,000 troops in
January and go for broke. How do they know
that? Sorry, it's a secret.

Stop focusing on the troop numbers. If an
invasion were really scheduled for January,
the forces could be anywhere in Russia's
vast expanse right now and still show up
in time for the party next month. Any extra
Russian troops 'near' Ukraine now are
there as a symbolic gesture, not as part of
a military plan.

Symbolism and historical stereotypes
are what this is all about, and the dominant
stereotype in Putin's mind is the fact that
practically everybody on the 'A' list of
would-be world conquerors has invaded
Russia, from the Golden Horde (Mongols) to
Napoleon to Hitler. That sort of thing is bound
to leave a mark.

Putin, like any educated Russian, therefore
feels uneasy about the way that Nato has
crept closer and closer to Russia. The military
frontier with Nato was a 'safe' 1,500 km.
west of Moscow during the Cold War, but
afterwards it moved.

When some of the former Soviet 'satellites'
in eastern Europe joined Nato in 1999,
that brought Nato forces to within 800
km. of Russia's western frontier. Then the
western-backed non-violent overthrow
of Ukraine's pro-Russian president for a
second time in 2014 created the possibility
that Ukraine itself might also join Nato.

Moscow is only a six-hour drive up highway
E101 from Ukraine's northern border
(although tanks would take a little longer).
Nato has been alert enough to Russian
sensitivity on this topic not to invite Ukraine

to join, but the prospect
does weigh heavily on
Putin's mind.

So Putin wants a written
promise that Ukraine will
never join the Western alliance. Nato coun-
tries would never allow it anyway, precisely
because there is some risk that it could drag
them into a war with Russia, but Biden is
unwilling to put it in writing.

Why not? Because he spent the first half
of his life in the Cold War, and his attitudes
are still shaped by the propaganda of that
time. Biden sees Russia as an 'expansionist'
power that must be 'contained'. It must never
be 'appeased', because that was what let
Hitler get started. Bad historical analogies
are dangerous things.

Both men are of an age where a funda-
mental change of mind is unlikely. On the
other hand, as veterans of the Cold War they
both understand that Russia and the United
States must never do anything that risks
bringing them into a direct military conflict.

That is the best possible guarantee that
this nonsense will not end badly. If you want
another, it is that the Western sanctions which
would follow really would cripple the Russian
economy. They might even undermine
Putin's still significant popularity in Russia
itself. There may be all kinds of threatening
gestures, but Russia will not invade Ukraine.

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# Dufferin OPP warn of the 12 scams of Christmas

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have seen an increase in fraud reports recently. Investigators from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre have provided information warning about the 12 scams of the holidays.

For most people this is the season for giving, but for scammers it's the season for taking advantage. Don't fall victim to the following scams.

1) Phishing Emails and Texts - You may receive messages claiming to be from a recognizable source (e.g. financial institution, telecommunications company, service provider, shipping company) asking you to submit or confirm your information. They may even include a malicious link.

2) Emergency - Is a supposed loved one reaching out to you because they need money now and you're the only one they trust to keep it a secret? Resist the urge to act immediately and verify the person's identity by asking those questions a stranger wouldn't know.

3) Counterfeit Merchandise - Look out for huge and flashy discount ads that direct you to websites that look like the legitimate manufacturers. If you do receive any inferior product, they could pose significant health risks.

4) Selling Goods & Services Online - Be



suspicious of payment offers that are more than the asking price and confirm that you have received a legitimate payment before you send the product.

5) Crypto Investments - Fraudsters are using social media and fraudulent websites. Prior to investing, ask for information on the investment. Research the team behind the offering and analyze the feasibility of the project. Verify if the company is registered by using the National Registration Tool ([www.aretheyregistered.ca](http://www.aretheyregistered.ca))

6) Romance Scams - An attractive fake identity lures you into their web of lies spun with loving messages and sweet promises. The fraudsters play on your emotions to maximize their payday over time.

7) Online Shopping - Fraudsters pose as genuine sellers and post fake ads for items that do not exist. The listing price for almost any item (e.g. event ticket, rental,

vehicle, and puppy) is usually too good to be true. Research before you buy. Whenever possible, exchange goods in person or use your credit card for payment.

8) Secret Santa - You may have noticed multiple gift exchange posts on your social media feeds. This may seem like a fun activity where you only have to send one gift and receive multiples in return. Unfortunately, this exchange collects some of your personal information and also hides a pyramid scheme where only those on top profit. Pyramid schemes are illegal in Canada.

9) Prize Notifications - You may receive a letter or a call with the good news; you've won millions and a fancy car too. First, you just need to confirm your personal information and then cover a few fees before your winnings can be delivered. Remember: If you didn't enter, you can't win. You can't enter another country's lottery without purchasing a ticket from within that country. In Canada, if there are fees associated to a prize, they are removed from the total winnings; you would never be required to pay fees in advance.

10) Gift Cards - Gift cards are a popular and convenient way to give a gift. They should also be considered like cash; once they are exchanged, it is unlikely that you are getting your money back. Gift cards

are not meant for payments and no legitimate business or organization will request these; especially under pressure.

11) Identity Theft - In all the hustle and bustle of the season.

DO: keep your wallet on your person and cover your PIN.

DON'T: share passwords or provide your personal information on impulse.

12) Identity Fraud - Fraudsters love a good shopping spree; especially when they're using someone else's name and money. Contact your financial institutions and the credit bureaus, Equifax Canada and TransUnion Canada, as soon as you notice:

a. Suspicious activity on your financial statement/s.

b. Unauthorized activity on your credit report.

c. Letters approving or declining credit applications you did not authorize.

d. Re-routed mail.

e. Bills from service providers you do not use.

f. Your information was compromised as part of a data base breach.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of cybercrime or fraud should report it to Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's online reporting system or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. If not a victim, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre anyways.

## Impaired driver nabbed following complaint made by concerned resident

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver for impaired operation following a traffic complaint called in by a concerned citizen an hour after midnight.

On Sunday, December 12, 2021, at approximately 1:02 a.m., a concerned citizen contacted police to report a possible impaired driver leaving a restaurant establishment parking lot on Centennial Road in the Town of Orangeville. Officers located the vehicle, commenced a traffic stop and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, a 24-year-old, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Cocaine

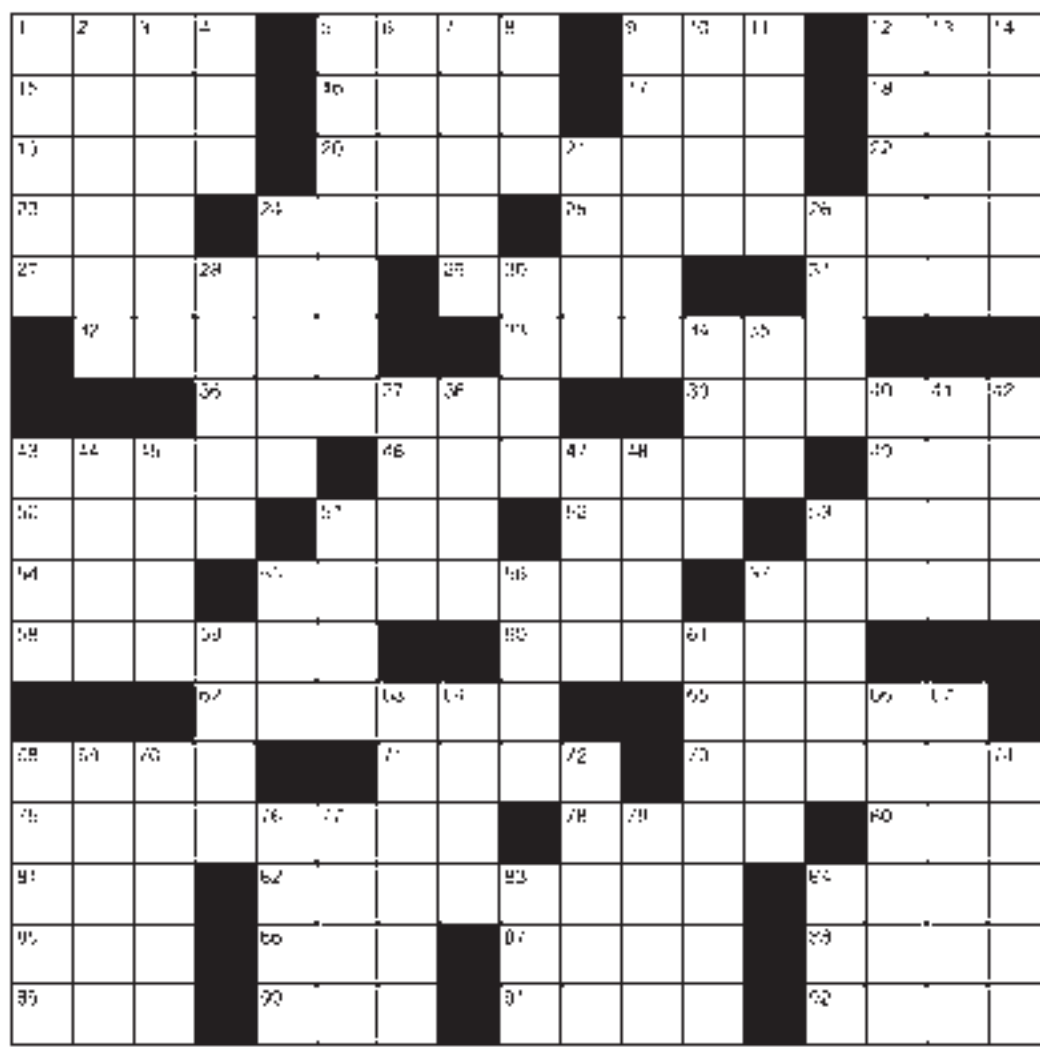
The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in February 2022, to answer to the charge. These charges have not been proven in court. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days.

Thank you to the concerned citizen who called police. If you suspect an impaired driver, call 9-1-1.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

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### ACROSS

1. Computer fodder
5. Pound
9. Dangle
12. Toward the rear
15. Be adjacent to
16. Canyon sound
17. Dusk
18. Squabble
19. Pine product
20. Rake
22. Metal-bearing rock
23. "It \_\_\_\_ to Be You"
24. Excursion
25. Czech or Swahili
27. Gulch
29. Epochal
31. Spur
32. Dinghy support
33. Surround
36. Sniff

### DOWN

8. Scalding
9. Sake
10. Kiln, e.g.
11. Broken-off glacier
12. Bellowing
13. Do without
14. Blazer material
21. Tribe
24. Binding
26. Coiffure
28. Like sheep
30. Terrible smell
34. Clarinet's relative
35. Salmon for bagels
37. Slightly open
38. "The Joy \_\_\_\_ Club"
40. Bump
41. Release the pressure on
42. Water pitcher
43. X marks it
44. Travel
45. Penetrating preposition
47. Pizazz
48. Crooked
51. Kind of bean
53. Stinking
55. "\_\_\_\_ Will Buy?"
56. Bearing
57. Move quickly
59. Addition symbol
61. Spice-rack item
63. Peace pact
64. Drove
66. Fodder
67. Molar's coating
68. Brilliance
69. Scold
70. Mellow
72. Spin
74. Banish
76. Once
77. NBC's peacock, e.g.
79. Trim
83. Pinch hitter
84. Tide or key

### DOWN

1. Country cottage, to Yeltsin
2. On a ship
3. Frozen wasteland
4. Gobbed
5. Promise in marriage
6. Throb with pain
7. Shimmy

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# Dufferin-Caledon getting \$7.6 million for infrastructure

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin-Caledon has received additional funding from the Ontario government to help build and repair local infrastructure.

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon announced the 'significant increase' in funding in a press release on Dec. 9, which will see more than \$7.6 million received by 10 municipalities across the region to address local infrastructure needs.

"Our government appreciates how important it is that community infra-

structure remains safe and reliable, and that local municipalities have what they need to create jobs, attract economic growth, and provide services that we rely on every day," said Jones. "This substantial increase in funding in 2022 will help build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure across Dufferin-Caledon."

Through the funding, the Town of Shelburne will be receiving \$589,107 for 2022, and increase of \$328,265 from last year. The Town of Orangeville is slated for more than 1.7 million in funding.

Carey Holmes, the director of financial

services for the Town of Shelburne, said in an email to the Free Press that staff and council have not had an opportunity to identify a specific project for the funding as of yet.

"It will be an eligible, capital expenditure for a core infrastructure project(s) such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater, including sanitary and stormwater facilities that are part of the Town's Asset Management Plan," wrote Holmes.

The funding announcement from the provincial government is part of an additional \$1 billion investment. The multi-year funding is being delivered through the Ontario

Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), a fund specific to communities with populations under 100,000 along with rural and northern areas. This investment will bring the province's total investment to nearly \$2 billion over the next five years.

Other municipalities in Dufferin County who have received the funding for 2022 include: Grand Valley (\$239,926), Mono (\$449,565), Amaranth (\$195,055), East Garafraxa (\$111,761), Melancthon (\$108,537), and Mulmur (\$148,507).

The County of Dufferin will also be receiving \$911,292 while the Town of Caledon will see \$3,144,160 in funds.

## Toys for Tots campaign wraps up, over \$8,000 in cash raised

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in partnership with the Salvation Army, completed the annual Toys For Tots three week event this past weekend.

Over the past three weekends, Dufferin OPP collected a mountain of toys, \$6,827 in cash and \$1,400 in gifts cards, which are being distributed to those in need.

Dufferin OPP said the campaign was a huge success due to the generosity of the local community. Donations will be distributed locally to those in need through the Salvation Army.

"Thank you to Pastor Roger Barrows from the Salvation Army for allowing us to assist with this initiative," said Dufferin OPP in a recent press release.

"Thank you to Scott Reinhart of Scott Reinhart Trailer Sales for allowing us the use of his personal trailer to make it possible for us to collect the toys. A huge thanks to Walmart for allowing us to set up outside of their store. Most importantly, thank you to the generous souls that live in Dufferin County who donated so selflessly to such a worthy cause. Many children and teenager's lives will be touched by your generous spirit



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## Lineup announced for next year's Music in the Hills concert

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local concert fundraiser, Music In the Hills, has announced the line-up of performers for their 2022 concert.

Juno-nominated Canadian singer, Tyler Shaw will be headlining the concert joining local musicians to raise funds for three non-profit organizations focused on youth in Dufferin County, the organizers announced online on Dec. 4.

Shaw, the winner of the 'MuchMusic Coca-Cola Covers Contest 2012, released his debut sing 'Kiss Goodnight' that same

year and has since launched is debut album 'Yesterday' (2015), second album 'Intuition' (2018), and self-tilted third album 'Tyler Shaw' (2021).

Opening the second annual charity concert will be Hamilton-based artist Neena Rose.

In March of 2019, Rose was a panelist t the California Copyright Conference and in the November of the same year she was 1 of only 6 Canadians nominated for a Hollywood Music and Media Award. Her debut single 'Rock N Roll Lullaby' was recorded at the age of 12 and most recently she launched her song 'War Zone' which details her struggles with mental health as

youth throughout the pandemic.

"War Zone" will serve as the opening song of the Music in the Hills 2022.

Shelburne's very own Sohayla Smith will be making a return appearance at the fundraising concert this year, after performing amongst Jimmy Cuddy and musician Woody Woodburn at the inaugural concert in June. Smith performed a mix of Americana, blues and country songs at the concert including 'Die Trying' and 'This Is Who I Am'. Her most recent releases include 'Little Things', 'All the Wrong Places' an intimate piano ballad, and 'Better Man' inspired by her son.

Last year the Music In the Hills Concert, which took place at the Mansfield Ski Club in Mulmur, focused on raising funds for suicide awareness locally and raised a total of \$14,933 for Suicide Awareness and Prevention Initiatives in Dufferin County.

As part of the 2022 concert, funds will be raised for three local youth organizations – Streams Community Hub, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin District and CMHA Waterloo Wellington.

Tickets for the benefit concert go on sale Dec. 15 and can be purchased through the Music in the Hills website, [www.musicinthehills.ca](http://www.musicinthehills.ca).

## Province announces changes to proof-of-vaccination program

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The provincial government has announced changes to the proof of vaccination requirements with COVID-19 Omicron variant cases expected to rise in the coming weeks.

In a press release last Friday (Dec. 10), the government said they would be delaying the lifting of proof of vaccination requirement beyond Jan. 17.

"As we continue to learn more about the Omicron variant, we are taking additional measures to protect our progress as we head into the winter months," said Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of health.

Effective Jan. 4, Ontario will be requiring the use of their enhanced vaccine certificate with QR Code and the Verify Ontario app in settings where proof of vaccination is required.

The government said the QR code can be used digitally or by printing a paper copy.

Effective Dec. 20, youth aged 12 to 17 years will be required to show proof of vaccination to participate in organized sports at recreational facilities.

Ontarians are also being "strongly advised" on the advice of Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, to limit their social gathering and the number of gatherings they attend over the holiday season.

"Ontario, like other jurisdictions around the world, is seeing concerning trends in public health and health care indicators, and additional measures are required to protect our progress for the long term," said Moore.

The province is also launching a holiday testing blitz offering voluntary rapid antigen screening to asymptomatic individuals free of charge as part of its enhanced winter testing strategy.

According to the government two million rapid test will be provided to high-traffic settings such as malls, retail settings, holiday markets and transit hubs.

As of Dec. 13 individuals 50 and over are eligible to schedule their booster dose appointments. Booster dose eligibility is expected to be expanded to all Ontarians 18 years and older on Jan. 4 with appointments booked approximately six months after receiving the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.



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**LEARNING FROM THE EXPERTS:** Chris Wight (left) of Wrightway Plumbing has been teaching CDDHS co-op student Tucker Cunningham (right) all about the plumbing industry.

## Co-op Corner: Wrightway Plumbing

Written By Christ Wight

*This week Tucker Cunningham from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about his experience and how Wrightway Plumbing is contributing to our community's future.*

Wrightway Plumbing has been in business for 32 years. They provide companies with plumbing services, such as Devonleigh Homes.

Some examples of services they provide are sewer and storm drain installation, shower installation, faucet and tap installation, and everything else that the house needs to be ready for the homeowner to be able to enjoy their new home.

To make sure things run smoothly the owner Dave Wright makes sure to have one to two people running a sight at a time.

There are multiple different sights that Wrightway does plumbing at and I've gotten to meet some of the other employees from different sights and they are great hard-working people that have given me some tips and tricks to help me with the trade.

I am a plumbing assistant and some of my duties include cutting, gluing and measuring ABS and PVC pipe.

My duties also include using hand and power tools such as sawzall, skill saw, drill, hammer, screw drivers, and channel locks. I use these tools to install/build sinks, toilets, shower trims, sump pumps, hook up water lines, drill holes, and tack waterlines.

Some tasks I have yet to complete on my own have been underground or rough in for a house.

Some special equipment we use at my work is Pex cutters and crimpers, we also use whole saws, ramset concrete wall set guns and ABS cutters.

Some training I've received is how to cut PVC pipe with a sawzall so that it doesn't shatter, as well as how to properly install water pipe and on undergrounds, letters always must be facing up.

One of the four jobs that I have become aware of while working with Wrightway Plumbing is trimming. Trimmers go around to the houses and install trim, doors and more. Another job I've become aware of is insulation sprayers, this is when a crew of guys come in and spray insulation in the house. Drywallers plaster and tape all the houses.

The final trade I've learned about is framers. They are the people who frame and backframe the houses.

Wrightway works for Devonleigh Homes who builds communities, therefore when Wrightway provides their top end services it helps make those new homeowners be able to appreciate and call their new house home.

Wrightway supports our CDDHS Co-op program by providing incredible placement and learning opportunities to our high school students.

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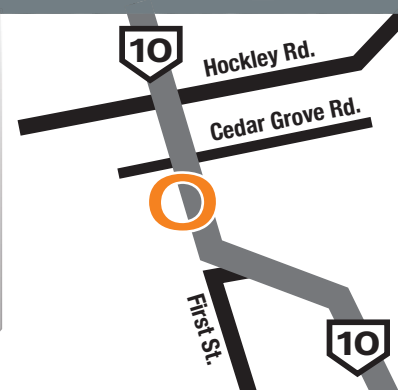


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# Co-op Corner: Student shares experience at F. Wilson Electrical

Written By Colton McComb

This week Colton McComb from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about his experience and how F. Wilson Electric is contributing to our community.

F. Wilson Electric is one of the locally known electricians that do amazing work and have been known locally for over 32 years. They do quality work and specialize in industrial, commercial and residential projects. This company is run by 4 people, Danail the office manager, Frank the master electrician, Shayne Frank's son and the apprentice Conner.

F. Wilson Electric was a good choice to do a co-op placement because everyone gets along and has fun throughout the day and I have been learning a lot about the electrical trade.

My tasks are cleaning up after finishing a job and helping throughout the job like running wire and connecting receptacles.

I have had the opportunity to work at many area Arenas working on the electrical systems that run the refrigeration sys-

tems for ice making.

I've used many small power tools such as drills and wire strippers, and have had many safety talks before starting.

Some other trades I have encountered while working are plumbers, heavy machine operators, electrical safety inspectors and refrigeration workers.

F. Wilson Electric has donated tools, time, and parts to build playgrounds around Grand Valley along with making time to help out the Grand Valley Hockey Arena.



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ELECTRICAL LEARNING: CDDHS Co-op Student Colton McComb (left) has been getting on the job training from his employer Frank Wilson (right) since starting his co-op earlier in the school year.

# 'Who Gives a Puck?' campaign focusing on shopping local

Written By Sam Odrowski

Small to medium size businesses have been hardest hit economically by COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, demonstrating the importance of shopping locally.

An initiative to motivate those who shop in Orangeville and the surrounding area has launched, called "Who Gives a Puck?" awareness campaign, which is being organized by Blackstock Ford Lincoln.

Anyone who would like to participate in the campaign can drop by the dealership and show a receipt of \$25 or more spent at a local non-essential business to receive a hockey puck autographed by NHL superstar Jamie Macoun. Those who show their receipts will also be entered into a weekly draw for two tickets to see the new #34, Auston Matthews, play at the Scotia Bank Arena, running for the next 11 weeks.

In addition to Blackstock Ford Lincoln, which is located at 207155 Highway 9, receipts of over \$25 can be brought to Bad Dog or Quick Lane, both located at 670 Riddell, Orangeville.

The idea behind "Who Gives a Puck?" is to support the local businesses who suffered during past COVID-19 lockdowns, said Jim Carson, who organized the campaign and owns Blackstock Ford Lincoln.

"For car dealerships, we were deemed an essential service and didn't have to close but the businesses like restaurants and the retailers, the gift stores, those that had to close, those are the ones that need the most support now," said Carson.

"The point I want to try and get across is that people really need to eat, shop and enjoy local."

Instead of online shopping or going to large corporate chains like Costco, check to see if what you're looking for can be bought by a small business.

And if a store doesn't have a certain item in stock, most of the time they can order it

in and you can pick it up within a reasonable period of time.

"Just think about what you're purchasing, and is it available locally? Try to just change your habit, if you are one who's buying online," said Carson. "Also, don't make the assumption that your local retail stores can't supply it for you or have it."

Returns are also no concern when buying locally, instead of online shopping where you have to ship it back to the supplier.

"If it shows up damaged, they handle that all for you. If it's the wrong item, they handle it for you," Carson noted.

Another benefit of looking locally first before buying something is knowing that you're supporting businesses who support our community such as youth sports teams or donate towards community projects, and create local jobs.

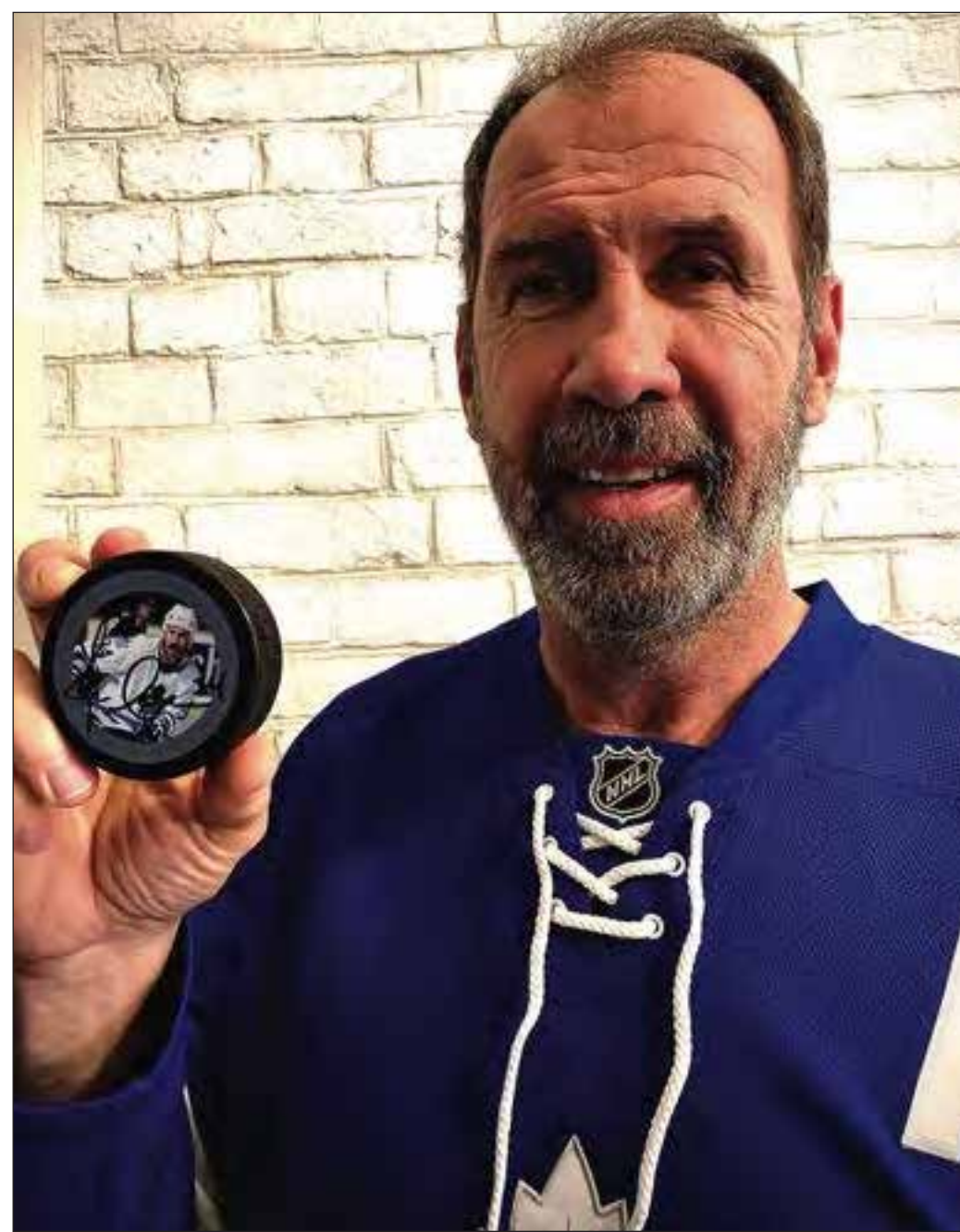
"Is Amazon sponsoring your kid's baseball team? Or who's building the new skatepark? Who's going to fund the new arena, it isn't them," Carson said. "We don't think about that enough."

Small businesses made up 98 per cent of all employer businesses in Canada in 2020, and 58,000 of them became inactive in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses also conducted a survey with over 4,000 business at the start of this year, with one in six business owners saying they're seriously considering shutting down permanently.

The data for how many businesses shut down in 2021 remains to be seen, with a few weeks left in the year, but with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, there's no better time to shop local and show your support.

"Who Gives a Puck?" runs for the next 11 weeks, and showing a receipt of \$25 or more is valid from non-essential businesses in the Hockley area, Mono, Grand Valley, Alton, Hillsburgh, Caledon and Orangeville.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

AUTOGRAPHED PUCKS: Jamie Macoun, former NHL player, holds up one of the many autographed pucks that are being distributed through the 'Who Gives a Puck?' campaign. To get one of the pucks, just bring a receipt of \$25 or more, spent at a local non-essential business, to Blackstock Ford Lincoln (207155 Highway 9), Bad Dog or Quick Lane (670 Riddell).

# Theatre Orangeville lands \$43,400 grant funding over 12 months

Earlier this fall, Theatre Orangeville secured a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation totalling \$43,400 over 12 months through the Government of Ontario's Community Building Fund.

The funds, which will be delivered by Ontario Trillium Foundation, will assist Theatre Orangeville with staffing costs and modernizing equipment, as well as streamlining internal digital services.

"This investment through the Government of Ontario's Community Building Fund-Operation Stream, that is delivered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation enhances the local theatre experience," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. "The Community Building Fund - Operating Stream of \$43,400 has been used to help Theatre Orangeville make upgrades to ticket purchasing and transforming both the virtual and live performances."

As a result of the grant, the local theatre is set to provide a better audience experience through optimized digital opportuni-

ties, while remaining fully adaptable to any changes in public health restrictions.

"This investment will have a long-term impact on our theatre and the community and will continue to serve the community beyond the pandemic. We are so grateful for OTF's support because it allows us to continue to improve and modernize our patron experience, allowing an option for zero-contact," said David Nairn, Artistic Director.

Theatre Orangeville is a not-for-profit professional theatre company that lets its artistic vision guide every aspect of what it does: to enrich the community with a high quality, professional theatre experience, that showcases the development of new Canadian works; to provide youth with unique opportunities to transform their lives through the performing arts; to provide vibrant, engaging and creative opportunities that grow the cultural experience through community partnerships; and nurture diversity, promote acceptance and celebrate all abilities.



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# Merry CHRISTMAS



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## A spiced and creamy holiday twist for a classic cookie

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### Spiced Eggnog Snickerdoodles

Prep time: 25 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Makes: 20 cookies

**INGREDIENTS:**

- Cookies:**
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
  - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
  - 1 large egg, room temperature
  - 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
  - 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 tsp cream of tartar
  - 1/2 tsp baking soda
  - 1/4 tsp salt

- Topping:**
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
  - 1 tbsp PC eggnog spice seasoning blend

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Beat butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large bowl using electric hand mixer on medium-high speed until creamy and light in colour, 2 to 3 minutes; alternatively, beat in bowl of stand mixer using paddle attachment. Beat in egg and vanilla, scraping down side of bowl as needed. Set aside.
3. Whisk together flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt in separate bowl. Add to butter mixture; beat on low speed just until combined.
4. Stir together sugar and eggnog spice in small bowl. Scoop cookie dough and roll into balls. Roll balls in sugar mixture to coat.

Nutritional information per cookie: calories 100; fat 5 g; sodium 65 mg; carbohydrates 13 g; dietary fibre 0 g; sugars 8 g; protein 1 g.

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# 'Tis the season for GINGERBREAD COOKIES

Tradition plays a big role during the holiday season. Food is at the centre of many families traditions, which may include big family dinners and Sunday brunches together.

Holiday baking sessions also hold a sacred spot in many households. Such sessions are a great opportunity for adults and children to have some fun in the kitchen and create some tasty treats the whole family can enjoy.

Baked goods devotees may find it hard to imagine the holidays without gingerbread, and this recipe for Soft Glazed Gingerbread from Elisabeth M. Prueitt and Chad Robertsons Tartine (Chronicle Books) can ensure the whole family enjoys this holiday season staple.



## Soft Glazed Gingerbread

Yields 12 to 20 cookies

**Dough:**  
3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon cocoa powder  
4 teaspoons ground ginger  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature  
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1 large egg  
1/2 cup blackstrap or other dark molasses  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup

**Glaze:**  
1 cup confectioners sugar  
2 tablespoons water

To make the dough, stir together the flour, cocoa powder, ginger, cloves, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, and pepper in a mixing bowl. Set aside. Using a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment beat the butter on medium-high speed until creamy. Slowly add the granulated sugar and mix on medium speed until the mixture is completely smooth and soft. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula as needed. Add the egg and mix well.

Add the molasses and corn syrup and beat until incorporated. Stop the mixer again and scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the flour mixture and beat on low speed until a dough forms that pulls away from the sides of the bowl and all the ingredients are well incorporated. Remove the dough from the bowl, flatten it on a large piece of plastic wrap into a rectangle about 1 inch thick, cover the dough with the plastic wrap, and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper on a nonstick liner.

Unwrap the dough and place it on a floured work surface. If using a plaque with a design, roll out the dough 13-inch thick, lightly dust the top with flour, press your cookie molds over the dough, and then cut out the shapes with a small knife and place them on the prepared baking sheet, spacing them about 1 inch apart. Alternatively, using the mold as a guide, cut around it with a small knife, flip the mold over so the design is facing you, and place the dough over it, pressing it into the design. Unmold the shapes onto the prepared baking sheet, leaving about 1 inch between them.

If using a patterned rolling pin, lightly dust the lined baking sheet with flour and transfer the dough to the pan. Lightly dust the top of the dough with flour and roll it into a rectangle about 13-inch thick with a plain pin. Then, using the patterned pin, roll over the dough with enough pressure to ensure a clear impression of the design. Trim the sides with a small knife. It is not necessary to cut into smaller sizes before baking.

Bake the cookies until lightly golden along the sides but still soft to the touch in the centers, 7 to 15 minutes. The timing will depend on the size of the individual cookies, or if you have made a single large patterned piece that will be cut after baking.

While the cookies are baking, prepare the glaze. In a small bowl, whisk together the confectioner's sugar and water until smooth.

When the cookies are ready, remove them from the oven and let them cool in the pan on a wire rack for about 10 minutes. Then, while the cookies are still warm, using even strokes, brush a light coat of glaze on the top of each cookie, evenly covering it. Let the cookies cool completely. When the glaze dries, it should leave a shiny, opaque finish. If you have used a patterned pin to make a single large plaque, cut it into the desired sizes with a small, very sharp knife. The cookies will keep in an airtight container in a cool place for about 2 weeks. They do not freeze well, however, as the glaze becomes watery when they are thawed.

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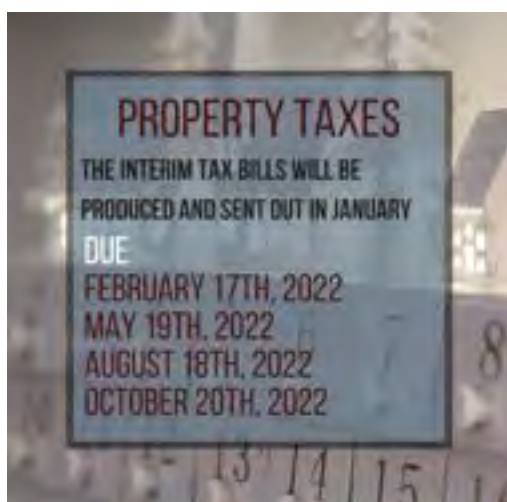


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- Not park on any roadway as it prevents timely and efficient snow removal. Parking is prohibited between midnight and 8:00am (By-Law #8-1983).
- Ensure your vehicle does not overhang and obstruct sidewalks and roads.
- Not put snow on the road, please pile all snow on your property. It is your responsibility to clear your driveway and driveway entrance. When clearing snow from your driveway try to pile snow on the right side of the driveway, this will reduce the amount of snow being pushed back into your driveway when the street is plowed.
- Be courteous and give snowplows plenty of room, they are working to keep roads safe so please give them space.
- Not put waste containers on the road, sidewalks, and snowbanks.
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- Be a good neighbour and clear your driveway as soon as possible after a snowfall. Residents can also offer to help older adults and people with physical disabilities clear snow and ice from their properties.
- Be kind, staff make every effort to clear roads and sidewalks as quickly and effectively as possible.

Visit our Winter Maintenance Page on the Town of Shelburne's Website or contact the Public Works team for more information. (519) 925-2600 x 261

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Please take notice that an increase in the Water and Sewer Base Rate Charges and Consumption Charges will take effect the first invoice of 2022 to be received in March 2022 for the consumption period (January 1-March 1, 2022).

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

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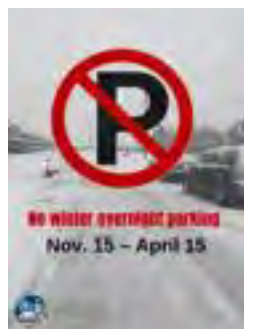
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# SHELburne SPORTS

## Muskies win on the road but take home game loss

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Senior Muskies split the weekend after winning on the road but taking a loss on home ice the following night.

On Friday (Dec. 10) the Muskies travelled to Clinton to take on the Radars. They left the ice with a solid 5-3 win to start the weekend.

The return to home ice the following night, however, did not see the momentum continue when the team hosted the Creemore Coyotes at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The Muskies couldn't capitalize on the chances on the ice while the Coyotes took full advantage of every opportunity.

The Creemore team was leading 1-0 after the first period.

They extended the lead to 4-0 in the second period.

The Muskies got on the scoreboard when Justin Graham took the feed from Luke Richardson on a powerplay and banged one in to make it a 4-1 game.

In the final frame, the Muskies couldn't score but allowed one in.

The final was a 5-1 win for the Coyotes. The Muskies out-shot the Coyotes 40-26 for the night, but they just couldn't get past a hot Creemore goalie.

After the weekend the Shelburne team has a 7-8 record so far for the season.

Across the league, the Ripley Wolves are hanging on to first place with a 10-1 record and 21 points.

Close behind, the Seaforth Centenaires are one point back and have a 10-3 record.

They are followed by the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks in third, and the Durham Thundercats in fourth place.

Tavistock is in fifth place followed by Clinton.

The Muskies are in the number eight spot in the standings.

The Muskies have two games coming up for this weekend.

They have a rare Friday night home game on December 17, when they will host the Durham Thundercats. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

The following night, Saturday, December 18, they will travel to Ripley to take on the Wolves.

That game is slated for 7:00 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**GETTING IN FRONT:** The Shelburne Senior Muskies host the Creemore Coyotes on home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, December 11. The Muskies won the previous night in Clinton, but couldn't take the momentum home with them and they took a 5-1 loss in this game.

## CDDHS senior girls basketball team capture District 4 title

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School senior girls basketball team have captured the District 4 championship with a win on home court on Monday, December 13.

The team had an outstanding season going undefeated in the regular season

schedule before heading into the playoffs.

Over the regular season the team scored 186 over five games while allowing only 66 points against.

This placed them at the top of the District 4 standings.

The playoff games all took place in the gym at Centre Dufferin on December 13.

In the semi-final, Centre Dufferin was

up against the fourth seed Wellington Heights Secondary School.

That game ended with a 38-28 win for CDDHS.

The other semi-final pitted Westside Secondary School in Orangeville against Erin District High School.

Westside won that game 34-19 to earn the right to advance to the final.

The final game got underway at 2:30 p.m. with Centre Dufferin and Westside battling for the District title.

The Centre Dufferin team played a strong game and left the court with a 40-20 win to claim the championship.

The last time the Centre Dufferin senior team won the District title was back in 2010.

## Shelburne Public Library shares weekly news, new books

The following is a weekly newsletter from the Shelburne Public Library

### Teen Scene

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### Children's Programming

'Tis the season for warm and cozy books! Stock up on your festive reads now, and look forward to many evenings snuggled up with a good book.



Do you have Tweens and Teens at home? This month, the registration for our new Tween & Teen program "Booking It" will open. This completely new program will have a featured novel with weekly activities based on themes occurring in the story, and video instructions to accompany each

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Oh what fun it is to BUILD a one horse open sleigh! As always, we are posting weekly LEGO challenges on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Who will be the best builder this week - who knows?

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- Termination shock by Neal Stephenson
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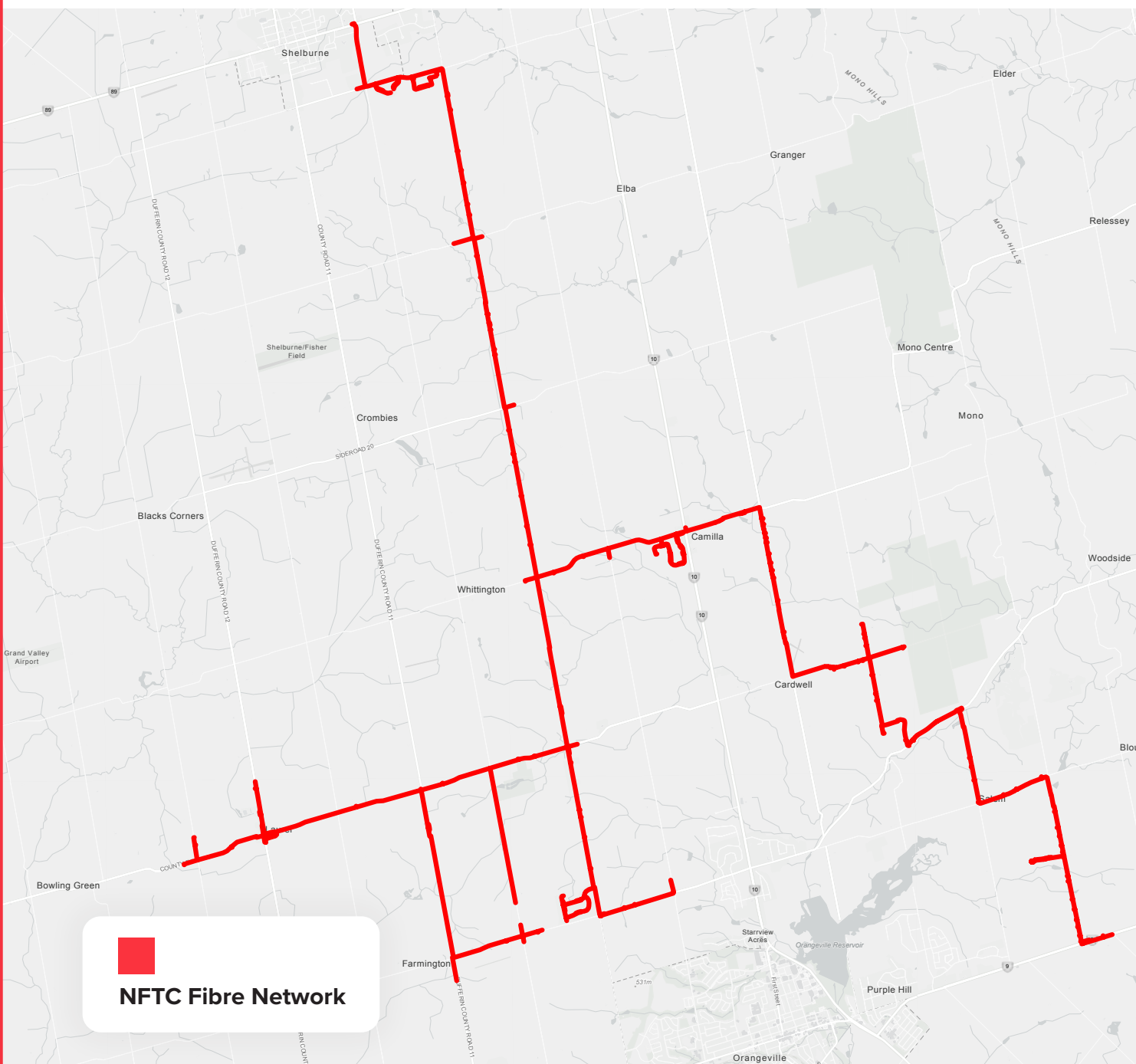
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