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## Local agriculture group shares list of requests for proposed gravel pit

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

North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) has released a list of requests for Strada Aggregate, a company proposing to quarry below the water table at a gravel pit near Honeywood.

The locally based volunteer taskforce held a virtual public meeting on Jan. 15 to discuss and receive input from community stakeholders on their strategy to approach Strada Aggregate regarding the quarry proposal. The meeting saw over 300 individuals in attendance virtually.

On Jan. 24, NDACT released a list of key components they are requesting Strada follow, starting with the hiring of a community trusted consultant.

NDACT said if the consultant agrees with the science behind the application studies and the science is deemed viable, they are prepared to not challenge the application. They added that as part of this agreement they request Strada create a substantial fund to aid in court costs for people who

may experience water problems, and commit annually to funding 10 cents per tonne of their extracted aggregate to the Honeywood Arena.

"We think this is a reasonable approach," said Karren Wallace, chair of NDACT. "If it's going to go ahead, these are the two asks that we would like."

However, NDACT notes that if the community trusted consultant sees the reports and does not agree that the science is supported, they ask that Strada keep their word and not continue with the application.

"Should Strada still pursue an application for a quarry, NDACT would fully engage in opposing such a quest," reads the NDACT press release.

The Strada Aggregates quarry proposal was first brought up in October of 2021 with a presentation to Melancthon Council.

Located in the area of 4th Line and County Rd. 17 in Melancthon, Strada Aggregates has operated as an active gravel pit since 2004.

The company is now proposing an aggregate quarry, with assessments and studies

being completed on the feasibility to extract below the water table.

If the reports of a company proposing to quarry below the water table in the region of North Dufferin sounds familiar, it's because it is. In 2011, an application was put forth by Highland's Company proposing a limestone 'mega-quarry', and was later pulled from the application following a "Stop the Quarry" campaign.

In their presentation, Strada said while close in location to the former 'mega-quarry', theirs will be one tenth the size of the mega-quarry, and will be extracting 2 million tonnes as opposed to 10 million. It would also be located in an existing gravel pit rather than on agricultural land.

While Strada indicates the quarry will be different, Wallace argues that apart from size, the community is facing the same challenges and concerns regarding water.

"You need to be sure that once you've tapped into that bedrock, you know what you're doing," said Wallace.

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# Headwaters denies SEIU's kitchen staffing allegations

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

Headwaters Health Care Centre and a union representing thousands of health care workers in the province are at odds after claims of a staffing shortage at the local hospital arose ahead of last weekend.

On Jan. 21, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) reported a potential staff shortage at the Orangeville-based hospital after obtaining an email calling for "urgent staffing needs" over the three day span of Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Sharleen Stewart, president of SEIU Healthcare, said to deal with the shortage kitchen and dietary staff were being redeployed to assist the nursing staff.

"They were asked to assist the nursing staff where possible," Stewart told the Free Press. "What was reported to me by a registered practical nurse is that 'while they appreciate the additional hands, they're not the right hands'. What they need is for more registered practical nurses to be on the floors with them, not dietary aids."

Stewart said this is an example of the nursing crisis that has existed since before the pandemic and is occurring across the province.

"Nurses are asked to take on a workload that is and has become unbearable," said Stewart. "They don't have enough RPMs on each shift to be able to adequately provide the care that's needed for the patients and then the patients suffer."

Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre, issued a



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statement on Monday (Jan. 24) regarding the SEIU claims, calling them "baseless".

"We are very disappointed that SEIU has created a false narrative at the expense of the hospital and our hard-working staff, who have given everything they have over the past 22 months in the service of their community," wrote Delahunt. "At no time have non-clinical staff been asked to nor have they carried out any patient care duties."

"To be clear, only trained health care professionals provide patient care at Headwaters Health Care Centre, regardless of external of internal circumstance," she added.

Delahunt, in the public message, noted that they are aware of at least one patient who expressed hesitation at being transferred by ambulance to the Headwater's emergency department due to the SEIU's allegations.

"Inaccurate information in the media as a result of SEIU's claim has consequences," said Delahunt.

Despite the message from Delahunt, Stewart said she stands by what she said.

The Shelburne Free Press reached out to Headwaters Hospital for further comment on the allegations from SEIU.

In an email, Delahunt reiterated that that there was never a request for non-clinical

staff to preform clinical duties. She said non-clinical staff help alleviate duties that would otherwise fall on clinical teams such as an example of a non-clinical staff member who is redeployed helping with transporting patients from a unit to diagnostic imaging.

When questioned about the Jan. 21 email requesting "urgent staffing needs", Delahunt said it is common for shifts to be available for staff to pick up. Adding, that the approach requesting additional support over the three day was "a proactive approach we took, in anticipation of higher than normal patient volumes and the potential for increased sick calls".

In a memo released on Jan. 22, Delahunt said 4.8 per cent of the hospital's 925 staff, physicians and midwives were off sick or at home self-isolating due to COVID-19.

Speaking to the Jan. 21 HHCC email calling for staffing, Stewart said the SEIU almost 100 per cent of the time sees calls like this as examples of staff shortages.

"From their memo, which says 'urgent staffing needs', well that clearly states a staffing shortage to me," said Stewart.

She said the SEIU has been calling on the Premier and the Ontario government to come up with a health human resources plan to be implemented immediately to help with the nursing crisis.

"We need a plan to deal with the crisis immediately. Not a plan to deal with this in the future because in the future we'll need to start dealing with the backlog that's happening from people's surgeries and procedures being postponed," said Stewart.

# Province allocates funding for public transit services locally

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

Dufferin-Caledon has received funding from the province through the annual Ontario Gas Tax program to support the expansion and improvement of local public transit services.

The funding, which totals over \$670,000, was announced by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones on Jan. 19 and will see \$289,430 allocated to Orangeville, and \$385,473 to Caledon.

"Our government knows that supporting public transit systems is more important than ever as communities struggle to maintain service levels during COVID-19," said Jones.

"Both Orangeville and Caledon rely on the Gas Tax funding to ensure transit services operate today as well as planning to meet the future needs of our communities as the municipality grows."

The Gas Tax program is an annual fund given to municipalities that deliver public transit, and is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province during the previous year. Municipalities that support public transit services receive two cents per litre of provincial Gas Tax Revenue, which can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.

To make up for reduced gas sales during COVID-19, this year the Gas Tax funding

includes a one-time additional funding of \$12.4 million to ensure municipalities can support their transit systems.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen how critical public transit is for frontline workers and for Ontarians who depend on these services to get to medical appointments, the grocery store, and other important locations," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "Gas Tax funding

remains a vital source of long-term transit funding that municipalities can rely on the help operate and expand existing public transit services – ensuring people have access to safe and reliable transportation when they need it."

The province, through the Gas Tax program, is allocating \$375.6 million this year to 107 municipalities that deliver public transit to 142 communities.

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## Local agriculture group shares list of requests for proposed gravel pit

A decade since their fight against the mega-quarry, NDACT continues to meet on a monthly bases, in preparation for another quarry proposal.

"It's always been not if it comes back, but when it is going to come back again," explains Wallace.

She added that NDACT has already seen community members expressing their dis-

pleasure since the new quarry was proposed.

"People are weary. It's one thing when you're taking gravel at the top of some land, but it's profoundly different when you start blasting into the bedrock and the aquifer," said Wallace.

Strada's projected timeline for submission of application for the quarry is late 2022.

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- Elect Directors (two for three years)

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Details on how to join the meeting virtually will be available on our web site one month prior to the meeting ([www.dufferinmutual.com](http://www.dufferinmutual.com)).

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There are currently two candidates who have qualified (as of this date), to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Those who are currently qualified and endorsed by the nominating committee are: Frank Barretto and Kevin Greer.

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# Local convoy of truckers to join nation-wide protest

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

A convoy of big rigs and motor vehicles will be rolling through Shelburne tomorrow (Jan. 28) in support of a nationwide protest against vaccine mandates for truckers and all Canadians.

The convoy, which organizers estimate will be roughly 50 vehicles long, with more than a dozen semis, will roll through town at 10:40 a.m., coming down Highway 10. There will be a local gathering of supporters at the intersection of Highway 89 and 10 in downtown Shelburne where they can cheer on the local convoy. This intersection will be patrolled by OPP for the convoy roll.

Once the convoy passes through Shelburne along Hwy 10, it will reach Orangeville before turning onto Highway 9 towards Highway 400 South. From there the convoy will get onto Highway 401 East to Ottawa, with Parliament Hill as the final destination for Saturday (Jan. 29).

There they will be joined by tens of thousands of truckers and supporters that left from Vancouver on Jan. 23 and Nova Scotia today (Jan. 27), in addition to countless informal convoys across the country for a massive protest.

The convoys that began in Vancouver

and Nova Scotia grow larger with each city they pass through, as supporters and fellow truckers across Canada join in.

Bruce King, organizer of the "Freedom Convoy" to Ottawa says he's anticipating 650 big rigs from South Carolina to join in as well.

The local convoy will kick off in Owen Sound at 9 a.m. before rolling through Chatsworth, Flesherton, Shelburne, and Orangeville.

A GoFundMe page titled Freedom Convoy 2022 has raised over \$5.5 million, which the page says will be used to cover costs associated with fuel, lodging and food for the truckers who are travelling from east and west to Parliament Hill.

Co-organizer of the local convoy that's passing through Orangeville and Shelburne, Ryan Elkerton said the protest is to support the truckers and fight against Canadian COVID-19 vaccine mandates resulting in job loss.

"A lot of people are sick and tired of it and they think that this is kind of the last chance they have [to fight the mandates]. That's why this convoy to Ottawa thing is becoming so massive," Elkerton said. "People have had enough and it's the last straw."

Truckers protesting the COVID-19 vaccine mandate, which came into effect Jan. 15, say it

will create driver shortages and fuel inflation.

Up to 32,000 or about 20 per cent of the 160,000 American and Canadian cross border truckers are being taken off the roads because of the COVID-19 mandates, estimated the Canadian Trucker Alliance (CTA). The CTA, which represents 4,500 truckers, said it condemns the protest or any demonstration that is on public roadways, highways and bridges out of disruption and safety concerns.

The nation-wide convoys are gaining a lot of traction due to Canadians seeing the impact of the vaccine mandate on truckers through bare grocery shelves, Elkerton told the Citizen.

He said he's also seeing it firsthand.

"I went to Metro the other day and I couldn't get meat so I had to go to the butcher, which is fine to me, I'd rather support the local butcher anyways," Elkerton noted. "But it is a massive issue that we're walking in on, especially with these mandates."

He said he was recently speaking with a trucker who travels to Florida to transport strawberries back into Canada, who will no longer be able to fulfill that role due to the mandate, and worries about the impact on the supply chain.

"You go to these grocery stores, there's no

fruit, there's no vegetables, there's no meat. Believe it or not, we rely on south of the border a lot more than what people think we do. And when we're not allowed to get down and pick up necessities for people, then we're going to have a shortage, and we're already seeing that," said Elkerton.

He noted that his hoped outcome through the protest is a reversal of the cross-border trucking mandate, and all mandates resulting in workers being terminated for declining to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at this time.

"Ultimately, the mandates have to go, especially for the truckers. People's livelihoods are at stake now, not only the job losses, but now people are having trouble finding things to be eating [at the grocery store]."

Elkerton also said he expects the shortages to drive prices up, which will impact low-income families the most.

He told the Citizen he'd encourage anyone who's able to participate in the convoy to join in or come down to Parliament Hill for Saturday (Jan. 29) to protest the mandates.

"People need to get out and show their support. If you can't get to Ottawa, go stand on the side of the street. Be as loud as you can [when your local convoy passes through]," Elkerton remarked. "Now is the time."

# Dufferin County 2022 budget proposes 0.96 per cent tax levy

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

Dufferin County staff have proposed a tax levy increase of 0.96 per cent for the 2022 budget.

During their meeting on Jan. 13, Dufferin County Council was given a presentation on the draft 2022 budget from manager of corporate finance and treasurer for the county, Aimee Raves.

"We entered 2021 with many unknowns," said Raves to begin the budget presentation. "As we enter 2022 we have made progress, yet there still remains uncertainty."

In developing the draft 2022 budget, Raves noted that there were a number of factors taken into consideration that influenced the tax levy including impacts from COVID-19 on operations, and ongoing costs.

The County is specifically seeing ongoing costs with work continuing on the Strategic Action Plan as well as impending program changes for paramedic services, children's services, and Ontario Works.

"As we move into 2022 there are plenty of other priorities, constraints, and considerations that were top of mind while developing this budget," said Raves.

When preparing a budget, Raves noted working with a specific target in mind and

further explained what is considered a 'good' target.

Raves said a zero per cent increase on the budget is not realistic as the county sees cost increases annually, but added that looking at the cost of inflation (4.7 per cent) is also unrealistic for a budget target as it is "too high".

"Preliminary work on the budget had it sitting over five per cent," said Raves. "Further time and analysis provided us with the ability to make refinements in a number of areas resulting in something a bit more reasonable."

After refinements were made on the proposed budget, a tax levy requirement of 983,000 or 2.38 per cent was determined for a budget of just over \$42 million. With growth estimated at 1.42 per cent, the final net levy increase is 0.96 per cent.

Specifics on increases and decreases in various county department is planned to be discussed at the committee level.

County Council's next step in the budget process in to have further discussions at their upcoming committee meetings on Jan. 27.

# Shelburne Council considering sidewalks for County Road 124

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

The Town of Shelburne is considering adding sidewalks along the east and west sides of County Road 124.

During their meeting on Monday (Jan. 24), Shelburne Town Council received a presentation from town planner, Steve Wever, regarding potential future options for sidewalks and cost estimates for the project.

Wever noted to council that there is a sidewalk approved to be built on the east side of County Road 124 from Hwy. 89 to the entrance of a new development at Anishinaabe Drive.

"There is a gap in the sidewalk network along the county road," Wever told councillors.

According to the report, adding a section of sidewalk to close the gap on the east side of 124 from Anishinaabe Drive to Wansbrough Way would cost an estimated \$495,000 plus HST.

While on the east side of County Road 124 it would only take one section of sidewalk to fill the gap, on the west side the Town would need to install three separate sections of sidewalk from Main Street to Wansbrough Way.

Broken-down in the report, the first section of sidewalk from Wansbrough Way to



Steeles Street is estimated to cost \$228,000, with the second section spanning from Steeles Street to Industrial Road roughly \$235,000. The final section of the sidewalk, which would run from Industrial Road to Main Street, would cost around \$116,000.

To complete the entire strip of sidewalk in total it would cost about \$724,000 plus HST.

Because the road is almost entirely rural profile, Wever said there are challenges in adding a sidewalk, such as ditches that vary in slope and gravel shoulders.

"It's not really designed for the addition of sidewalk like an urban roadway," said Wever.

Additional factors that could affect the cost of the project include storm water management requirements, re-grading, utility impacts, signage, lighting, pavement markings, pedestrian crossing, Besley Drain crossing, landscaping, and right-of-way widening.

Wever recommended that the sidewalk needs and options along County Road 124 be further reviewed and considered a part of the Transportation Master Plan.

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# Scary times

The rhetoric is getting increasingly scary surrounding those who decline or are choosing to wait before receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

More than one in four Canadians support jail time for the unvaccinated, according to a poll from Maru Public Opinion published last week. In the poll, which has a margin of error +/- 2.5 per cent 19 times out of 20, a shocking 27 per cent of respondents said it would be okay to jail unvaccinated people for up to five days.

While an authoritarian move such as this is unlikely, statements coming from politicians, including our own Prime Minister, fuel the hatred and anger many Canadians feel towards those who haven't yet received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Justin Trudeau was quoted last fall saying anti-vaxxers are often racists and women-haters. It's plainly ironic considering approximately half of all anti-vaxxers are women and a large majority of those who refuse the COVID-19 vaccine in Canada are Indigenous or Black.

Nearly half of Toronto's Indigenous population remained unvaccinated, and can anybody really blame them?

Indigenous Canadians have every reason not to trust our government.

Forced sterilization of Indigenous women was happening as recently as 2017. Sixty Indigenous women sued the provincial government in Saskatchewan, claiming they had been forcibly sterilized in order to see their newborn babies.

When Trudeau vilifies unvaccinated individuals without opposition, it allows hatred to fester and grow for people who are

already marginalized at large.

In November, as the first wave of Canadians lost their jobs to vaccine mandates, an Angus Reid Institute Poll showed 70 per cent of respondents were happy to see them terminated.

In the past month I've seen several op-eds written calling for unvaccinated people to be denied healthcare, while 60 per cent of Canadians are in favour of a punitive tax for the unvaccinated, according to another Maru Public Opinion Poll. We're now seeing this come into effect in Quebec.

Following Quebec Premier François Legault's announcement that unvaccinated Quebecers would have to pay a "contribution tax", some frontline doctors have spoke out against the policy.

La Presse, a French-language digital newspaper in Quebec, was told by two physicians that many of the unvaccinated patients they treated for COVID-19 had severe mental health issues, live without access to internet, and some didn't speak English or French.

Marie-Michelle Bellon, a Montreal physician said it scares her when she reads that they should be denied healthcare, because it "stigmatizes people who are already severely disadvantaged."

And the amount of people Canadians are willing to stigmatize or marginalize isn't a small number.

There are still roughly 3.7 million eligible Canadians who have not yet been vaccinated against COVID-19, despite the country having one of the highest vaccination rates in the world with over 90 per cent of people over 12 fully or partially vaccinated.

I don't think that the 27 per cent of Canadians who said yes to imprisoning unvaccinated people in the Maru Poll realize the costs associated with putting close to four million people in jail. Not only financially, but societally speaking – it would polarize, divide, and dehumanize people to the point of no return.

It's also noted in the Maru Poll that 33 per cent of respondents believe it would be acceptable to not allow people who are unvaccinated to renew their driver's license.

This type of thinking is likely well understood by Justin Trudeau, who's government recently imposed a COVID-19 vaccine mandate on the trucking industry, resulting in up to 32,000 or 20 per cent of the 160,000 Canadian and American cross border truckers being taken off the roads, according to the Canadian Trucker Alliance.

It makes little sense as this is an industry that has limited contact with the public and is already shut out of public spaces through vaccine passports.

The mandate also comes at a time when the country faces significant supply chain issues, and removing trained truck drivers will only make matters worse.

The full extent of this policy remains to be seen, but we're already seeing bare shelves at grocery stores across Canada, since it went into effect on Jan. 15. Rising prices and fuel inflation are sure to follow.

This leads me to believe that this policy isn't about Public Health and is purely punitive or political. It's coming at a time when Canada, which can't grow food in the winter, is dependent on trucked goods from southern regions of the United States.

Historically speaking, when countries put politics and policies ahead of ensuring a consistent supply of food for their people, millions die.

As a direct result of inept policies in China from 1958-1962, Mao Zedong caused the deadliest famine the worlds ever seen, with an estimated 15-55 million deaths. The starvation was a direct result of policies from the Great Leap Forward, which created the inefficient distribution of food – sound familiar?

Fortunately, we live in a developed country and supply chains are more resilient now, however it is likely that the issue of bare shelves at grocers is only going to worsen.

In light of the federal government's wrong-headed approach, a nationwide protest has been organized, that's expected to see tens of thousands of trucks convey from British Columbia to the west and Nova Scotia to the east, arriving at Ottawa this weekend. A southern convey is going to meet there as well, travelling up from Windsor, Ont. The convoys are already well on their way across the country and will meet at Parliament Hill to protest this Saturday (Jan. 29).

Over \$5.5 million has been raised through a GoFundMe Page that's financing the cost of fuel, food, and shelter if needed, for the truckers who are participating in the protest.

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**SAM ODROWSKI**  
FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR



# Technology – what's next?

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, it was considered a huge leap in technology.

Imagine being able to speak to your friend in the next town from the comfort of your own home – even if your nosy neighbour was eavesdropping on the party line.

It seems advancements in technology comes in spurts, and I think we are in the midst of technological growth that is going to greatly change our world.

Much of the leap forward began with the industrial revolution that changed the way industry operates. Those changes didn't happen rapidly, it took around 80 years for that transition.

Over the next 50 years, technology continued to advance as scientists, inventors, and entrepreneurs, invested in research and built on other people's success and failures.

Contrary, to common belief, the Wright Brothers did not invent the airplane. They used information from other inventors and scientists who had already been working on the problem for years. They may have been the first to actually lift off, but if it wasn't for the experiments of others and the papers written, they would not have been able to do it.

The same goes for people like Thomas Edison. He may be credited with many inventions, but history shows he did build on the work of others.

The Second World War and the years following provided a huge boost in technology as scientists ramped up their research.

Of course, it wasn't all good. The Atomic bomb may have changed the world, but you probably don't want to have one anywhere near you.

The 60's issued in another new era of

advancement. The concept of a transistor and the first working models were invented earlier but it wasn't until the 1960's that they really became widespread and changed a lot of things.

When digital technology began to be known, there were a lot of skeptics. I recall a professor in college showing us his new state of the art digital sound recorder.

The feeling at the time was that in no way, could digital technology ever replace camera film or sound recording. When was the last time you bought a roll of Kodachrome?

There have so many advancements over the just the past ten years that many are rolled out to consumers without people even realizing what great achievements they are.

I bought a new electronic keyboard last year. This thing is incredible. My old keyboard had a huge amount of features, but this new one requires some kind of advanced classroom training to figure out how to use all the functions.

It replicates a grand piano better than an actual piano, and has the capability to replicate and record an entire orchestra.

Many cameras are quickly becoming obsolete as iPhones now have the ability to take a high resolution photo that is just as good as many high-end cameras, although they do lack certain features that come with lenses and the ability to control shutter speed and aperture.

But for the average consumer, they are more enough to record your adventures and travels.

I was talking to a camera guy from a television station a couple of months ago. He was using a small palm size camera that could record well enough for broadcast. He also said he has recorded video on his iPhone that also made it on air.

Then there's the auto industry. Wow - what your car can do for you these days. There is a sensor for just about everything. From tire pressure to the windshield washer fluid, your car will tell you what it needs.

The GPS systems available in most cars have pretty much destroyed the old fold-up paper map.

Add to that the new driver assist functions and the car will tell you that you are going out of your lane before you realize you swerved when you tried to grab your coffee.

All these advancements are a lot of fun for the average person, but other advancements are truly incredible.

Elon Musk and his company, Space-X' are doing things that NASA couldn't achieve.

While NASA may have put a man on the moon, 53 years ago, they haven't done much since. Mostly because they are limited by government funding.

Space-X is its own company and they can spend their money anyway they want.

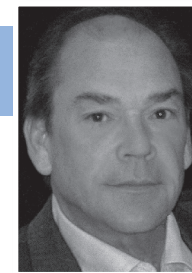
That accounts for Captain Kirk being launched into a sub orbital flight just for fun.

It also accounts for the incredibly futuristic StarLink system that will eventually have several thousand satellites linked together to provide internet service to countries around the world.

While all this has been going on, there have been huge developments in artificial intelligence and robot design over the past few years. It will be interesting to see where this all takes us over the next ten years.

Maybe having a robot butler might be achievable in your lifetime.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



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# Suspect in Shelburne murder found dead in vehicle

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

A 44-year-old Orangeville man wanted on an arrest warrant in connection to the murder of a woman in Shelburne has been found dead.

Dufferin OPP announced on Jan. 20 that the body of Scott Pinney had been discovered inside his abandoned vehicle in a

secluded area near Hearst, Ont. on Jan. 17 by a passerby.

The death has not been deemed suspicious or a suicide, according to police.

Pinney was being sought by police on an arrest warrant for second-degree murder in connection to the death of 65-year old Debra Neale. Neale's body was discovered by Dufferin OPP officers in a home on Main Street on Jan. 8 following a well-be-

ing check.

Neale's death was officially ruled a homicide following a post-mortem examination conducted by the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service in Toronto.

Police issued an arrest warrant for Pinney on Jan. 15.

The Dufferin OPP Crime Unit is continuing the investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation

Branch (CIB), with assistance from OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS) Unit and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Anyone who has any information is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

# Collision at local parking lot results in charges from OPP

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with alcohol related offences as a result of a collision investigation.

On January 21, 2022, at approximately 6:50 p.m., Dufferin OPP responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision in a parking lot on Main Street East, in the Town of Shelburne. The Dufferin OPP

officer was led into an impaired operation investigation after speaking to the involved parties.

As a result of the investigation, Paul CARD, 53-year-old, from Collingwood has been charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- Operation while prohibited

These charges have not been proven in court.

The accused is in custody awaiting a bail hearing. The accused's driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and their vehicle impounded for 45 days.

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policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or [www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca)

## Dufferin OPP investigating recent collision

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a motor vehicle collision between a transport truck and two cars in Amaranth Township.

On January 24, 2022, at approximately 1:45pm, the Dufferin OPP along with Dufferin County EMS and Orangeville Fire Department responded to a three-vehicle collision on Dufferin County Road 109 at Dufferin County Road 12 in Amaranth Township.

As a result of the collision, two people, from separate cars, were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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

## Impaired driver nabbed by local police

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation as a result of a motor vehicle collision.

On January 23, 2022, at approximately 4:15 p.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for a vehicle in the ditch in Amaranth Township. A Dufferin OPP officer spoke to the involved driver and was led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Robert LINDSAY, 64-year-old, from Caledon has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

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

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or [www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca)

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- 13. Further
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- 24. Finch
- 26. It has a foot
- 28. Baseball call
- 30. Navigators
- 31. Illuminated naturally
- 34. "\_\_\_ the Woods"
- 36. Powdery mineral
- 37. Suspender
- 38. Register
- 39. Measures up to
- 40. Steal, as livestock
- 43. Category
- 44. Athenian portico
- 45. Hit
- 47. Mountain-climber's coup
- 50. Beheld
- 51. Hounds' quarry
- 54. Engine part
- 57. Irritable
- 60. Resident
- 61. Windflower
- 63. Stinging plant
- 67. Praise
- 69. Chef's smock
- 70. Vexed
- 71. Work for nine
- 72. Bugs
- 73. Double reed
- 74. Broil
- 75. Admire
- 77. Venerable
- 81. Command to oxen
- 83. Two-piece piece

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- 1. Bias
- 5. Sash for a kimono
- 8. Rainbow's shape
- 11. Get ready
- 15. Edible root
- 16. Pull along
- 17. Round vegetable
- 18. Lounge
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- 20. Sickly
- 21. Pick up the \_\_\_
- 22. To boot
- 23. Doze, with "off"
- 24. Unaccompanied flight
- 25. Cook's garnish
- 27. Overweight
- 29. Makeshift bed
- 32. Pina colada liquor
- 33. Larry, Curly, and Moe
- 35. Instruction

- 39. Going astray
- 41. Growing out
- 42. Hill dweller
- 44. React to a glare
- 45. Trade for cash
- 46. Gathering
- 48. Boar's tooth
- 49. Large, flightless bird
- 52. Skid
- 53. Prairie tale?
- 55. Formerly, formerly
- 56. Blame
- 58. Every
- 59. Theater
- 61. Imprison
- 62. Paragraph part
- 64. Electric sign
- 65. Forever and a day
- 66. Joint
- 68. Dye for wood
- 72. Nose part

- 76. Dec. 25
- 78. Paid player
- 79. Assist in mischief
- 80. Sharp turn
- 82. Dress finely
- 83. Grain husk
- 84. Hockey score
- 85. Squeeze
- 86. Unmatched
- 87. Habitual course
- 88. Drought-ridden
- 89. Once called
- 90. Went in front
- 91. Dill

**DOWN**

- 1. Office writer, for short
- 2. Barbecue choice
- 3. Undermine
- 4. Took first prize
- 5. Meat stew

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# 'Betty White Challenge' raises \$6,000 for local SPCA

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Thank you for being a friend.  
The Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre has received \$6,000 and counting in donations as part of a social media challenge honouring the late Betty White.

"We're very thankful for the support from our surrounding community," said Dawn Lyons, manager of the local SPCA. "It's a great feeling to know that our community supports us so well, to see how important we are to our community and how much they think of us."

A social media movement called the 'Betty White Challenge' swept the nation on Jan. 17, in honour of what would have been White's 100th birthday. The challenge encouraged people to donate \$5 to a rescue or animal shelter in White's name.

Notable for her roles in shows such as the "Golden Girls" and "Hot in Cleveland", White was also known for her years of advocacy for animal welfare. She was a supporter of the American Humane Society for over 70 years.

Lyons said the funds raised through the challenge will go towards the various care needs of animals at the local centre from spays and neuters, to microchipping, vaccines, and emergency surgeries.

She also noted how significant the influx in donations from the community are for the local SPCA.

"For us to receive the support of our community is extremely important," said Lyons. "We never know what's coming in the door



**LIFELONG ANIMAL LOVER:** Betty White has always loved animals, and in her honour, the Orangeville and District SPCA has raised more than \$6,000 with more donations still coming in.

to help animals in need, so we rely on the community's donations."

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre has continued to see donations made in White's name more than

a week after the challenge began, and will continue to accept any donations made as part of the 'Betty White Challenge'.

Ontario as a whole has raised more than \$120,000 for the SPCA.

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## Scary times: column

The demonstration is being called "Freedom Convoy 2022" and many Canadians are putting their money where their mouth is, with well over 70,000 donors making up the more than \$5.5 million, as of press time.

While the convoy was created in response to the federal vaccine mandate for truckers, the organizer of the GoFundMe for the Freedom Convoy noted that it's for all Canadians.

"To our Fellow Canadians, the time for political overreach is over. Our current government is implementing rules and mandates that are destroying the foundation of our businesses, industries and livelihoods," wrote Tamara Lich, organizer of the GoFundMe page for the convoy.

"We are taking our fight to the doorsteps of our Federal Government and demanding that they cease all mandates against its people. Small businesses are being destroyed, homes are being destroyed, and people are being mistreated and denied fundamental necessities to survive."

Organizers are estimating a massive turnout at Parliament Hill when the west, east, and southern convoys arrive on Jan. 29, anticipating it to be a historic event.

I'm hoping at the very least, this massive and arguably historical protest sends a clear message to the federal government to leave our truckers alone.

# Province to begin easing public health measures starting Jan. 31

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario government has announced the gradual easing of COVID-19 public health measures with the first step in a three step plan set to begin this Sunday.

"We can be confident that the worst is behind us as we look to cautiously ease public health measures," said Premier Doug Ford in a press conference on Jan. 20.

Starting Jan. 31, social gathering limits will increase to up to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.

A number of indoor businesses and setting will be permitted to reopen with a capacity limit of 50 per cent, including:

- Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dancing
- Retailers, shopping malls, grocery stores, and pharmacies
- Gyms and other recreational fitness facilities
- Cinemas
- Meeting and event spaces
- Museum and galleries
- Bingo halls, casinos and other gaming establishments
- Religious services, rites, and ceremonies

The government is also allowing spectator areas of sporting events, concert ven-



ues, and theatres to operate at 50 per cent seating capacity or 500 people, whichever is less.

The second step in the plan will go into effect as of Feb. 21 with social gathering limits increased to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.

The province will be removing capacity limits in indoor settings where proof of vaccination is required, including restaurants, indoor sports and recreational facilities, and cinemas as well as any business that opt-in to proof of vaccination requirements.

Indoor capacity limits will increase to 25 per cent in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required such as nightclubs, weddings receptions in meeting or event spaces, bathhouses and sex clubs.

Religious services, rites, and ceremonies indoors will be limited to the number of people that can maintain two metres of physical distance.

Indoor settings where proof of vaccination is not required will see capacity limited to the number of people that can

maintain a two metre distance.

Ontario will enter the final step on March 14 with a lifting of capacity limits in all indoor public settings.

Social gather limits will increase to 50 people indoors and with no limits on outdoor gatherings. Remaining capacity limits on religious services, rites, or ceremonies will also be lifted.

The province's proof of vaccination and masking mandates will continue to be in effect with no dates announced on when or if they will be lifted.

"There are some positive signs that we

may be reaching the peak of the Omicron wave in Ontario," said Health Minister Christine Elliott. "However, we still need to remain humble and cautious."

Each step of the province's three-step reopening plan will be separated by 21 days to monitor public health trends.

Ford said the province will implement pauses between steps if necessary.

"We want to do everything humanly possible to avoid having to go backwards. If that means pausing between steps for a few extra days, we won't hesitate to do so," said Ford.

## Shelburne announces new Arts & Culture Committee, and Art in the Park in July

The Town of Shelburne recently announced it has a new Arts & Culture Committee.

"The goal of the Committee is to develop plans and programming designed to promote culture and the arts within the community as well as support other similar initiatives," said the Town in a press release from Jan. 25.

This year will mark the first full year of the new Arts & Culture Committee and an exciting event called. "Art in The Park" is

planned for July 23, 2022.

This event will also include a new grand opening for the Town Hall Art Gallery located at 203 Main Street East inside Town Hall.

Those who make up Shelburne's Arts and Culture Committee include:

Councillor Kyle Fegan (Chair), Andrew James (Vice-Chair), Councillor Walter Benotto, Councillor Lynda Buffett, Althea Alli, Tristan Barrocks, Trisha Linton, Tracy Smith, Angela Tracogna

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Shelburne ball hockey player selected for U16 national team

Written By Brian Lockhart

A local ball hockey player has been selected to be on the U16 Team Canada Ball Hockey Team and will represent the nation at the 2022 ISBHF World Ball Hockey Championships in Zilina, Slovakia this summer.

Jackson Davis made the team when he was asked to try out for the squad after impressing coaches and scouts when he played on his team with the New Tec Ball Hockey club based in Alliston.

At 14 years of age, Jackson was encouraged to 'play up' a division at the U16 level when his coaches noted his ability during games.

Already an ice hockey player from a young age, Jackson started playing ball hockey in Shelburne with the Shelburne Shooters to fill the sports void in his life during the summer months.

He is currently a member of the Shelburne Wolves U15 rep team when on the ice.

"Once I started playing, I would get bored during the summer without hockey so I looked up some of my options and saw that ball hockey was an option so I started playing ball hockey," Jackson explained. "It's different but similar at the same time. I really enjoy hockey - when I picked up ball hockey it still has some of the same aspects so I really enjoy it."



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**INTERNATIONAL TALENT:** Local ball hockey forward, Jackson Davis has been selected to play on the U16 Team Canada Ball Hockey Team and will travel to Slovakia this summer to compete at the World Ball Hockey Championships. Jackson got his start with the Shelburne Shooters before transferring to the New Tec Ball Hockey Club.

He played with the Shelburne Shooters for several seasons. When the Shooters club closed temporarily due to COVID-19 concerns, Jackson and several other local players explored other possibilities. They found that the ball hockey club in Alliston was still

running and decided to sign up.

Jackson said he found the Alliston club to be 'more competitive' due to the larger number of players and teams.

"I was lucky enough to win some sort of championship both years that I played in New Tec, either as a Peewee or Bantam player," Jackson said. "Near the end of the summer I switched up to the older division. Me and two of my buddies played up a level."

Tryouts for the national team took place at the old Alliston Memorial Arena in the fall.

"The tryouts were pretty cool," Jackson said. "I thought it would be multiple days but it was just one day. It was from 8:00 a.m. - they started by stretching us and getting us warmed up. We did some practice for about an hour and a-half and we did some drills. Then we split up into teams and played a game. It took about six hours."

The final team roster was announced on December 20.

Jackson and the team will first travel to Austria in June for the training camp to get ready for the tournament in Slovakia.

Ball hockey is a huge sport in Eastern Europe with thousands of fans turning out for games.

The 2022 World Junior U16 championships will get underway during the first week of July.

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## Trails ready for local snowmobilers

Written By Brian Lockhart

The recent dumping of snow may have caused concern for some people, but for those who enjoy snowmobiling, it was a welcome sight to see the trails finally covered.

The snowmobile season got off to a late start this year, with a lack of snow in southern Ontario.

That all changed when last Monday's storm allowed volunteers to get the grooming machines out and start making the trails usable for the winter sport.

Even after the snowfall it still took a couple of days to get the trails ready for use.

The Dufferin Drift Busters Snowmobile Club posted a statement on Wednesday, Thursday, January 19, saying their trails were open on a limited basis.

"We're hoping to open some trails tomorrow. Please refer to the OFSC interactive trail guide for up-to-date information. Some areas are good, other area not great coverage but limited," read the post.

Their Facebook page uploaded photos of grooming machines out after dark in an effort to get the trails groomed and ready.

This year, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs is stressing safety while out on the trails.

They are reminding riders to always stay on the marked trail and avoid driving across private property, including farm fields. Snowmobilers should also ride within their abilities and comfort level and always ride with a companion.

Riders should always have the right safety gear including a proper snowmobile helmet and brightly covered outerwear with reflective materials.

The Ontario Provincial Police also sent out a safety notice this year warning that alcohol and drugs were factor in almost half of snowmobile fatalities. Riders are also cautioned against riding over frozen lakes, riv-



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ers, and ponds. Falling through ice accounts for 40 per cent of snowmobile deaths.

Excessive speed also factored into a number of accidents.

"Making every snowmobile ride a safe one starts with avoiding unnecessary risks," said OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique.

"Our fatality data sends a clear message that snowmobilers who speed and drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs, as well as those who dismiss our warnings that no ice is safe ice, are tipping the scales towards a tragic outcome to their ride. The OPP, in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, asks all snowmobilers to make getting home to your family the most important part of every ride."

Snowmobiling has experienced an increase in riders over the past two years as it is one of sports that has not really been affected by the pandemic. Snowmobile sales are up and so are memberships in clubs across the province.

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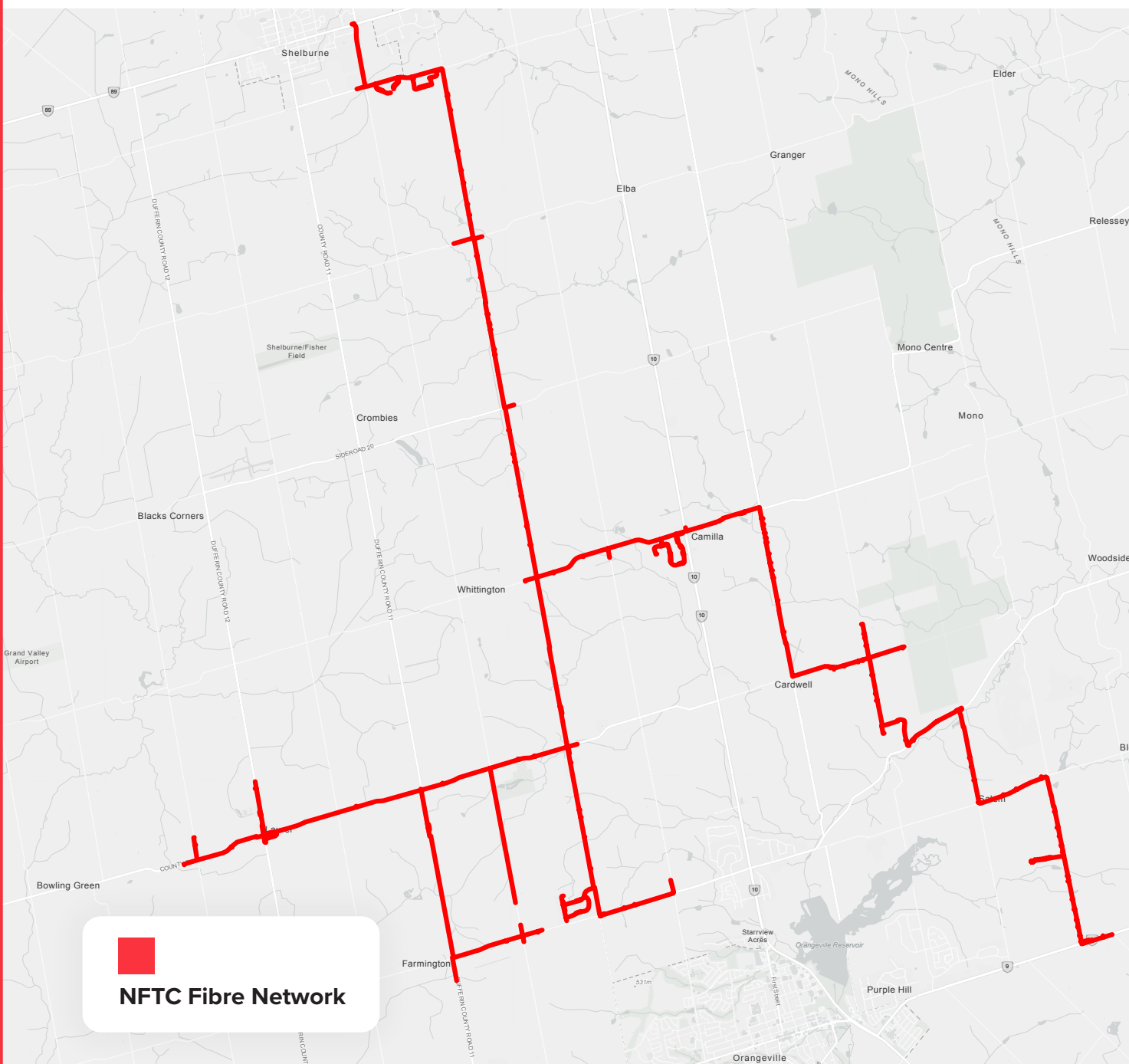
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Thank you to Headwaters Hospital for your wonderful compassionate care in Covid times and to all the wonderful people we've dealt with over the years, Dr. Catania, Diabetes Clinic, Caravaggio Drug Store, Heritage Dental and all our wonderful friends and neighbours.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no service. If desired, donations to Primrose United Church or the Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the wonderful ladies at Jack & Thompson Funeral Home. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com.



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# Ontario SPCA shares handful of tips on pet winter safety

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

As winter temperatures plummet, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is reminding pet owners to take extra precautions to keep their pets safe during the extreme weather.

“Our furry friends depend on us to look out for their needs,” said Dr. Julia Hughes, Shelter Health & Wellness Veterinarian with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. “In cold winter conditions it’s important to consider every part of your pet’s daily routine to ensure they are comfortable and safe at all times.”

To help owners the SPCA has provided a number of tips on winter pet safety, starting with supervising outdoor time.

“Some dogs want to be outside, regardless of the weather. Even if your dog has a thick coat, keep an eye on them when they are outside playing, to watch for early signs that they’re cold such as holding up paws or shivering,” wrote the SPCA in a press release.

Other tips include:

- Modifying outdoor activities – limiting the length of time spent outside and

choosing walking routes that loop past your house, in case you or your pet needs to go in to get warm;

- Leaving pets at home – leave your animals at home where they are warm and safe when you’re running errands. Cars cool down quickly and don’t hold in body heat, which can lead to animals suffering from cold stress, hypothermia or frostbite;

- Watch for cats seeking warmth under vehicle hoods – knock on the hood of your car or sound the horn before starting the engine. Cats hiding under hoods can be injured or killed by the fan belt;

- Keep paws clean – use a damp towel to wipe your pet’s paws and underside if they’ve walked along salted sidewalks or roads. Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice on roads and sidewalks can irritate and burn your pet’s sensitive paws and can cause illness if ingested;

- Clean up car spills – keep an eye out for antifreeze, or other automotive leaks in your driveway. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that can be attractive to animals and can be fatal if ingested;

- Know your animals unique needs – cats, puppies and short-coated dogs are particularly vulnerable in cold tempera-



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**KEEP YOUR FURRY FRIENDS WARM:** When it comes to taking walks out in the winter weather, some dogs, especially short-coated breeds, puppies, and elderly dogs may benefit from a dog sweater or coat as an extra layer of warmth, according to the Ontario SPCA.

tures. Some dogs, especially short-coated breeds, puppies, and elderly dogs may benefit from a dog sweater or coat as an extra layer of warmth. For more winter pet safety tips, visit the Ontario SPCA website: [www.ontariospca.ca](http://www.ontariospca.ca).

# Family Transition Place gets \$40,000 donation from Galt Foundation

Family Transition Place (FTP) recently received a \$40,000 from the Galt Family Foundation, which supports the important service they provide to women and families in need.

Each year, FTP has been able to support hundreds of women and their children through access to the emergency shelter and counselling services.

Like many other agencies serving vulnerable populations, FTP’s services and facilities were adapted rapidly due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

The ongoing support of generous community partners like the Galt Family Foundation will help FTP continue providing safety, support and hope to the Dufferin and Caledon communities.

“If nothing else, the pandemic has shown us that we need to be prepared for any obstacle,” remarks FTP’s Executive Director, Norah Kennedy. “This substantial donation from the Galt Family Foundation will help us maintain a high level of service and

keep the women and children we serve safe. These funds will also support our critical programs and services, which—we are proud to say— have continued—uninterrupted—over the last two years. We owe a lot of that success to tremendous community partners like the Galt Family Foundation. We are tremendously grateful.”

John Galt, president and CEO of Husky Technologies, founded the Galt Family Foundation with his family as a way to give back to the community. When asked why

this contribution in support of FTP’s work was so important to him and his family, Mr. Galt replied, “The Galt Family Foundation invests in the communities we live in, with a special emphasis on supporting those who are vulnerable in our society. The last year has placed tremendous burdens on those at risk, affecting both their mental and physical well-being. Family Transition Place has never been more important and we are pleased to be able to play a small part in helping those in need.”

# Centre Dufferin District High School Co-op Corner: Ace Hardware

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

This week Brennan Mountford from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about her experience and how Ace Hardware is contributing to our community’s future.

Ace Hardware has been open for five years. The business provides plumbing parts and paint for house walls.

Ace Hardware is owned and supervised by Tania Scheiwiller, while Jasmine, Stacey, and Sue work there.

Ace Hardware cuts keys and mixes paint. I have been trained on how to use both the paint machine and key cutting machine.

I swept/mopped the floor, faced the shelves and added to the shelves from the top, cut keys, mixed paint, added to inventory, unloaded trucks, and put products away after the truck got there.

There are many jobs that are associated with the store business: Carpenter, Electrician, Mechanic, Painters, Handyman, Construction Workers, Welders, and Farmers.

Mechanics need parts like nuts and bolts so they have to go to a hardware store or order them online. They usually go to a hardware store so they can get the parts faster.

Handymen come to the store for paint sheetrock repair kits, silicone, tape, and screws.

Electricians come in for wire, electrical outlets, light switches, light mounts and wall electrical mounts.

While carpenters will come in to buy wood screws, wood glue, sandpaper, and drill bits.

Ace Hardware has products made by the public for sale like signs, metal sculptures and more from the community.



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**CO-OP CORNER:** Centre Dufferin District High School co-op student Brennan (left), has been learning from Jasmine, Ace hardware owner Tania Scheiwiller, and Stacey.

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