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CUTTING THE RIBBON: Shelburne Town Councillors celebrated the grand opening of Canadian Creamery Emporium with staff from the ice cream shop on Saturday (May 14), and did a ribbon cutting ceremony. See more photos from the grand opening on Page 11.

Amaranth Mayor Bob Currie breaches five code of conduct provisions: integrity commissioner

Written By **PAULA BROWN**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An investigation by Amaranth's integrity commissioner has found that Mayor Bob Currie breached the township's code of conduct following a complaint by a fellow council member.

In a 17-page document submitted to Amaranth council, Principles Integrity, found the mayor breached five different municipal code of conduct provisions in a number of incidents dating back to Fall 2021.

The complaint was submitted to the integrity commissioner in January by Amaranth Councillor Gail Little. In the complaint, Little claimed Currie had engaged in inappropriate bullying and harassing behaviours and had "exerted undue influence in the chief administrative officer's exercise of her duties" while recruiting for an open municipal position.

In September of 2021 the chief administrative officer (CAO) and clerk of Amaranth, Nicole Martin, began the initial recruiting process to hire a roads supervisor. According to the report, before first round interviews for the position began, Currie "demanded" to be shown the resumes received for the position and proceeded to tell Martin which candidate to hire.

Issues in the recruiting process contin-

ued when a November meeting for the second round of interviews was cancelled after Currie "tried to get himself onto the interview panel".

A formal offer to the chosen candidate for the roads supervisor was given on November 12, 2021, but was later asked to called off to "farm out" the hiring decision to the County of Dufferin.

The integrity commissioner's report noted that during the closed session of a council meeting in December, it was alleged Currie's interferences had tainted the entire recruit and that the process should be re-started using a third party.

According to the report, Currie suggested removing authority over some or all hires from the CAI/Clear, and following a disagreement among councillors abruptly announced his departure from the meeting.

"Such behaviour - storming out of a meeting in a fit of anger - is disrespectful, lacks decorum, and does not reflect the conduct expected of member of municipal council," said the report.

In the complaint to the integrity commissioner, Little also alleged that Currie had engaged in inappropriate name calling during a November council meeting, where he publicly demanded a an apology from her.

In the findings of the report, the integ-

riety commissioner said that exchanges between Currie and Little reflected significant animosity.

"We find that the Mayor can be unprofessional at meetings, exhibiting outburst of anger, raising his voice, talking over others and yelling at them," said the report.

In the three-month investigation, the integrity commission found that Currie had breached five code of conduct provision.

The breached code of conduct provisions including:

- Section 2.1 (preamble)
- Section 9.1 (influence on staff)
- Section 14.1 (conduct during meetings)
- Section 15.1 (harassment)
- Section 16.1 (bullying)

It was recommended a sanction be used against Currie, which according to the report is used to reinforced council's ethical framework when education or acknowledgment is insufficient.

"It is our view that a significant sanction is appropriate. The Mayor's behaviour has had a noticeable negative impact on the individuals around him, and it is Council's responsibility to exercise its disciplinary responsibly with that in mind," said the report.

The Integrity Commissioner recommended that the remuneration paid to Currie be suspended for a period of 30 days.

Amaranth Council voted on the matter and it was passed in a two to one vote.

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Town welcomes new Deputy Clerk and Committee Coordinator

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

The Town of Shelburne has officially appointed a new deputy clerk and committee coordinator.

Shelburne Town Council welcomed new staff member, Alice Bly, as the town's deputy clerk and committee coordinator during their meeting on May 9.

"Alice joined the town on May 2, this is her first council meeting with us," said clerk Jennifer Willoughby. "Alice is a welcomed addition to the staff team."

Prior to joining the Town of Shelburne, Bly worked with the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio for six years in a variety of positions. Most recently she served as Adjala-Tosorontio's deputy clerk.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," said Bly. "Shelburne is growing quite a bit

and I'm just excited to see the growth that's happening for the municipality as well as for staff opportunities."

The deputy clerk and committee coordinator are a newly created joint position with the town. The role was established following a service delivery review, which recommended a number of additional positions be created to expand the Town's services. The cost of the new staffing was included in the Town's 2022 budget.

"It's a good opportunity, but it's a challenge as well. As far as paving the way, I hope to be here for a while, so hopefully it'll be a role that I can develop and maintain to the satisfaction of the Town and to the management here," said Bly."

Through the new position, Bly will be assisting the clerk with council meetings, and will also be assisting with the agendas and minutes of committee meetings.



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NEW CLERK IN TOWN: Alice Bly was recently hired as Shelburne's Deputy Clerk and she says she is excited for the opportunity.

Revitalization of Jack Downing Park delayed

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

Developments in the revitalization project of Jack Downing Park are behind says Shelburne chief administrative officer, Denyse Morrissey.

During Shelburne's council meeting on May 9, Councillor Lindsay Wegener inquired about the status of the Jack Downing Park project.

"I will automatically update council and admit that we are behind on that project," said Morrissey. "We've experienced some delays internally on our own with project timelines."

Morrissey informed council that staff had applied for a grant focused on accessibility at the park and was waiting for the conclusion of the community input as well as concept plans for the project.

Earlier this year, the Town began revitalization efforts at Jack Downing Park with the demolition of the existing gazebo, which was deemed a safety issue. A significant portion of the Jack Downing revitalization project is the accessible surfacing, a concrete foundation that will need to be poured.

Morrissey said staff looked into a "piecemeal" approach, where the gazebo would be put in separately, but chose against it.

"It just makes no structural sense to pour that and then have to modify the foundation or anything else around that," said Morrissey.

Jack Downing Park, located along Main Street in the downtown core, is named after Shelburne resident John Robert "Jack" Downing who passed away in 2014 at the age of 93. In 1998, Downing advocated for the Town to purchase the vacant land where the park now sits and raised over \$86,000 for the park's development. Jack Downing Park officially opened in June of 2000.

The revitalization project of Jack Downing Park was originally scheduled for 2020 to mark the 20-year anniversary, but was delayed due to the pandemic. In 2021, council approved increasing the budget for the project from \$20,000 to \$56,000.

Morrissey noted to council that the town has recently created a "town projects" page on their website, which will allow both council and community access to the status and progress of town projects.

While sections of the park have been cornered off by caution tape where construction has occurred, Jack Downing Park remains open and of use for the community.

Morrissey said they hope to have the revitalization project completed by the end of August.

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Illogical election promises

SAM ODROWSKI
FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR



In what appears to be an attempt to score political points, Liberal Party of Ontario leader, Ste-ven Del Duca is going against the advice of Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI).

He announced last week that he'll make COVID-19 vaccines mandatory to attend school for all students – including those ages 5-11, flying in the face of the NACI's recommendation for kids.

"It is essential that children aged 5 to 11 years and their parents are supported and respected in their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for their children, whatever decisions they make, and are not stigmatised for accepting, or not accepting, the vaccination offer," reads the NACI's recommendation.

I think it's safe to say a Del Duca Government would not respect parents' decision on this matter and would in fact stigmatise them for not rushing to vaccinate their young kids.

And it's not a small number of children who would be impacted if Del Duca wins and this policy is implemented. Only 36 per cent of kids 5-11 have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in Ontario, which means a return to school may not happen for nearly 700,000 students.

Not to mention these policies impact already marginalized and vulnerable

populations the most. According to Statistics Canada, only 56.4 per cent of Black people and 67.8 per cent of Métis people reported being very willing or somewhat willing to take the COVID-19 vaccine, compared to an 80 per cent average across the board.

While it's not uncommon for unvaccinated people to be smeared or shamed by politicians and mainstream media, it is predominately poor, non-white, and immigrant heavy neighbourhoods that have the lowest vaccination rates in Toronto and other cities.

If progressive political parties such as the Ontario Liberals want to be supportive of minorities and disenfranchised communities, barring them from attending school over medical decisions isn't the best look.

Del Duca says he's doing this because "the science is settled" on vaccinating children but this is simply untrue when considering the NACI's recommendation that says parents' decisions should be respected on the issue.

And Public Health Ontario's own data on COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths by vaccination status isn't very compelling for the settled science argument as well.

On May 14, 27 out of 107 or 25% of people in Ontario's ICUs for COVID-19 were unvaccinated. The remaining 80

were fully (68) and partially (12) vaccinated. While hospitalization data on the same day shows just 188 out of 1,148 admission (16%) to the hospital are unvaccinated and 84 per cent had one or more doses.

Sadly, the hospitalization numbers mirror vaccination rates in Ontario, which currently sit at 82 per cent. While there's slightly less vaccinated people per capita in ICUs, these numbers still aren't very reassuring for the efficacy of the jab of itself.

If the goal was to keep people out of the hospital by vaccinating them against COVID-19, it isn't exactly working as planned.

I get the sense that much of this mad rush to get kids vaccinated is due to misinformation around the impact COVID-19 can have on children.

Since March of 2020 when the pandemic officially started, 29 Canadians under 11 died with COVID-19, and while every life lost is a tragedy, it's important to contextualize the data.

There are over 4 million Canadians under 11 years old, which means 14.5 out of 4 million people in the age group have died of COVID-19 each year since 2020.

On average, 44 people drown in the bathtub and 180 are struck by lightning in Canada each year, many orders of magnitude higher than the COVID-19 death

toll for kids. Yet, we don't mandate lightning safety or safe bathing courses for kids to attend school.

Context is also important for the risk of long COVID among kids, since this has been a key point for keeping restrictions on them through the pandemic.

A peer reviewed study out of the U.K show 97 per cent of children 5-11 recovered from COVID completely in four weeks and most of the remaining group fully recovered after eight weeks from lingering symptoms such as loss of smell or fatigue.

Two studies out of Europe determined rates of long COVID symptoms were almost the same between kids who tested positive for the virus and those who did not. This means other factors were to blame for their long-term symptoms in most of these cases, aside from COVID.

Despite all of this, for reasons I can't seem to understand, the Liberals are pressing forward with forcing parents to vaccinate their kids to keep them enrolled in school.

At a time when children have already suffered greatly from restrictions and a loss of normalcy due to COVID-19, Del Duca is only going to make matters worse. It's time to change course.

Pain at the pumps

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



I put some gas in my tank the other day, and was shocked to see it is now over \$2 per litre – at least at the station I filled up at.

Like many people, I have started being more careful about how much I drive. Do I really need to travel to a neighbouring town today to buy toothpaste and dish soap at the dollar store?

Normally I would make the trip without even thinking about it just for the sake of getting out of the house and doing something, but that is all changing as that trip to spend \$3 just cost me \$20 in gas. That doesn't make a lot of fiscal sense.

I've always been a big driver. I was one of those guys signing up to do my road test for a licence on my 16th birthday.

I enjoy the freedom of getting out on the road and visiting different places. That's why I like living in this region. After 20 years, I'm still finding back roads I haven't been on and strange places tucked away on concessions and country roads.

"See the U.S.A. in your Chevrolet" was a popular commercial jingle from General Motors that was used from around 1950 to the 60s. It was a good jingle that capitalized on the fact that long distance road trips were a popular family tradition, and if you were going to drive across the country, a Chevy would get you there.

At the time, a long-distance road trip was easily accomplished by a family with a typical income.

Now a trip to Get Your Kicks on Route 66 might require a visit to the bank and some collateral to get a gas loan to finance the excursion.

Gas prices are determined by several factors. First there is the usual economic laws of supply and demand. Then there is the price of crude oil – sold by the barrel, for some reason.

Then there is the cost of refining and storage, and the cost of distribution. You have to pay someone to deliver it to your gas station.

The gas station owner has to make money,

so they tack on their profit, and of course the government has to take a hefty slice of every litre sold.

Historically, the final cost is determined by the price of each barrel of crude oil. If the cost of a barrel went up, the price per litre was adjusted to match, and same if it went down.

The statistics are all available and doing the math is a very simple process.

In 2010, the price of a barrel of crude was \$94.41 – that price is adjusted for inflation to reflect present day costs. The average price of a litre of gas in 2010 was \$1.04.

In 2012, the price of a barrel of crude, adjusted for inflation, was around \$108 – the price per litre to the consumer averaged around \$1.25 per litre.

In 2015, the price of crude had dropped to \$51 – the price per litre dropped to around .99 cents.

The market bottomed out in early 2020, when the price per barrel dropped to \$36. In March of that year, we were paying just under .80 cents per litre. I remember that very well as at the time I had to take several long-distance trips and I was paying .78 cents per litre, and that made a huge difference in the cost of the trip.

Now let's take a look at present costs. The average cost per barrel of crude oil in 2022, has been around \$91.

According to the historical data, a litre of gas should cost around just over \$1 or slightly more when adjusted for inflation.

And yet, we are now paying almost double what the price should be.

Since mid 2021, the price of crude has risen around 29 per cent. The price per litre at the gas pumps at the same time has risen around 64 per cent.

The experts are giving all sorts of reasons why this is happening, but none of them seem to make a lot of sense.

The federal government doesn't seem too concerned that our dollar is shrinking, and rapidly.

The high cost of gas means more people will have to stretch a pay cheque while watching their salaries stagnate.

Inflation is our biggest enemy right now, and the feds must get a handle on the situation before you find yourself commuting to work at 3:00 a.m. because the only affordable method of transportation is a bicycle or skate board.

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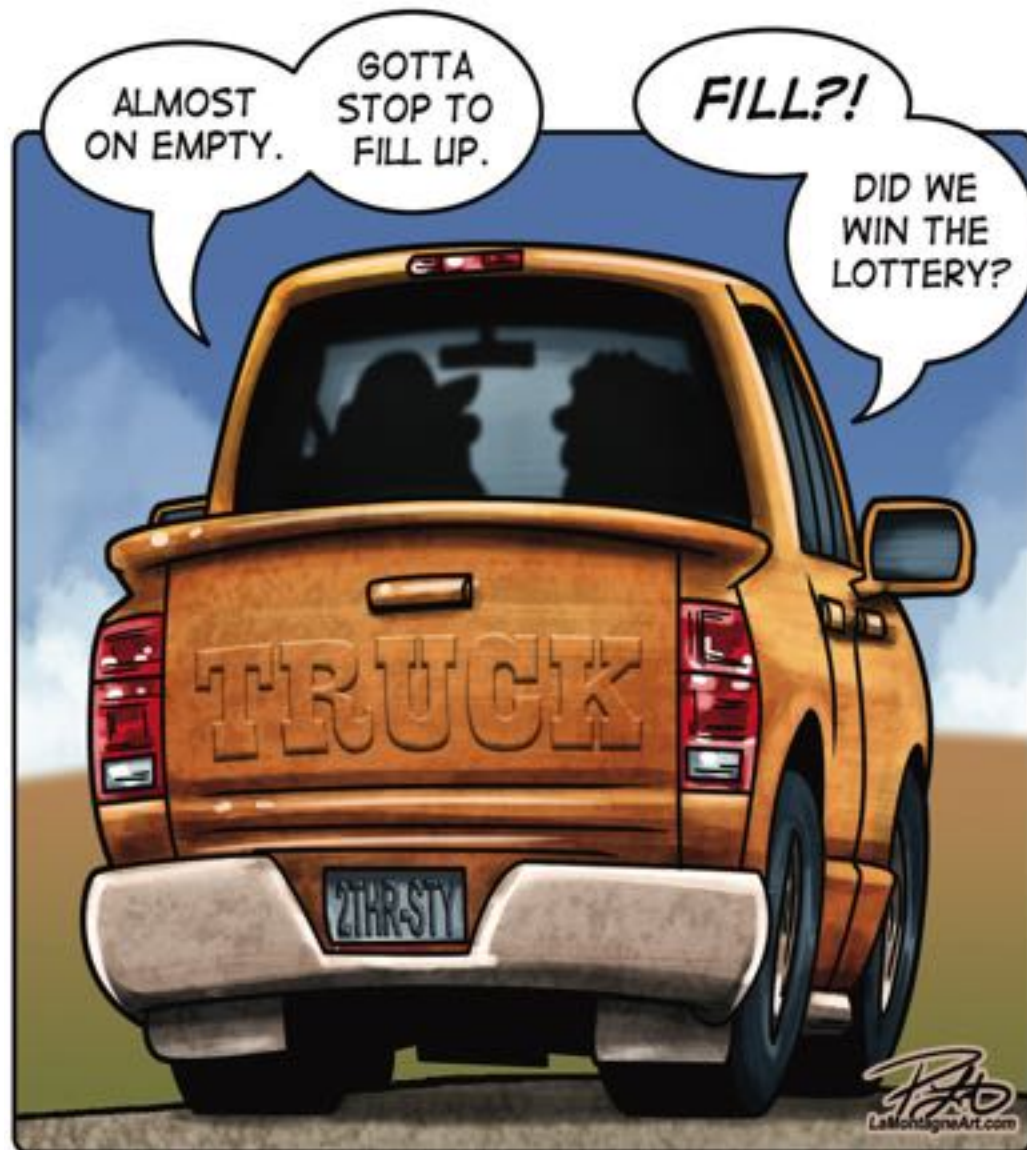
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Dufferin OPP are investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred at the intersection of County Road 10 and Mono-Amaranth Townline in Amaranth Township.

On May 11, 2022, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Dufferin OPP, along with emergency services, responded to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of County Road 10 and Mono-Amaranth Townline. The initial investigation revealed that two passenger vehicles left the roadway after colliding. One of the vehicles rolled and came to rest on the vehicle's roof, submerged in a small creek. An off-duty OPP officer was the first on scene and observed that both occupant's heads were submerged in water. The officer acted quickly and cut the seatbelts, freeing the victims from the water.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the rollover was transported to a local hospital where he was then airlifted by Air Ornge to a trauma centre with life-threatening injuries. The passenger in this vehicle was trans-

ported to a local hospital where he was then transported by land ambulance to a trauma centre with unknown injuries.

The lone driver in the second vehicle was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The OPP Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team was brought in to investigate. 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 had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.



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Dufferin OPP participating in Canada Road Safety Week campaign, sharing tips

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are marking the beginning of Canada Road Safety Week, a seven-day national campaign aimed at making Canada's roads the safest in the world.

This annual awareness campaign started May 17 and is designed to increase public compliance with safe driving measures in order to save lives and reduce injuries on Canada's roads.

The focus of this campaign continues to be on the elimination of impaired driving, distracted driving, aggressive driving and driving without a seatbelt.

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- 62. Martial art
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- 65. Starworts
- 67. Auditioner's goal
- 70. Bugs
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- 1. Earring's site
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- 27. Shoelace end
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- 33. Custom
- 35. Tack
- 36. Side road
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- 38. Unnerve

- 40. Sooner than, to a bard
- 41. Weekly TV show
- 43. Indifference
- 44. Get ready
- 45. Home ruler?
- 47. "Tin Cup" prop
- 48. "Eyes of Laura ____"
- 52. Three-bag hit
- 54. Highest point
- 56. Cultivating tool
- 59. "____, Dolly!"
- 60. Of trivalent gold
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- 63. Spoon's companion
- 65. Concur
- 66. Round before the final
- 67. Lasso
- 68. Eye woe
- 69. Familiar
- 71. Shred
- 73. Aardvark's tidbit

- 76. TV-reception aid
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 - 2. Hound's trail
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Local New Blue candidate looking to increase transparency in politics

Written By Sam Odrowski

There's a new grassroots party running in the provincial election, providing a more conservative alternative to the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.

The New Blue Party, which was the first party in the province to register a full slate of candidates, has business owner and Mono resident, Andrea Banyai vying for the position of Dufferin-Caledon MPP in the June 2 election.

Out of her desire to make a change and become more active in politics, Banyai started out as president of the local New Blue riding association when it formed, and when the time came, she stepped up as the Dufferin-Caledon candidate.

"Part of the reason I decided to support the party is because it's grassroots from the ground up. We have no lobbyists or corporate ties. Everybody that stepped up to run as a candidate has a background in something relevant and is here to make a change," said Banyai.

New Blue's priorities are reforming

health care, reforming education, defunding establishment media while promoting a free press, providing tax relief, and growing Ontario's economy.

The party's plan to help with the cost of living is to reduce HST from 13 per cent to 10, axe the carbon tax, and lower hydro costs by cancelling wind turbine contracts.

"The only way to lower hydro costs is to cancel these bad deals with the wind turbines," said Banyai. "It is possible to do. The government is not bound by the previous governments before, so deals that were put in place can be changed and should be changed. It was a bad deal, even Kathleen Wynne agrees."

Former Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne acknowledged her role in raising energy prices through wind turbine deals in an interview with Paul Wells in Mclean's magazine earlier in the year.

On the topic of education, New Blue wants to reduce administrative costs by introducing school tax credits and eradicate "woke" activism from classrooms with the removal of critical race theory and gender identity theory.

"What people are saying is they don't trust the education system anymore. It's so indoctrinated now with this 'woke' ideology," said Banyai. "There's just so much time and effort spent on identity and ideology, and not on academic education."

Banyai also noted that tax credits should go to parents who homeschool their kids and red tape needs to be slashed to get more day-care centres open.

She also commented on some of her ideas to help older students receiving a post-secondary education and strengthen Ontario's financial situation.

"We need to reduce administration costs for universities and colleges and trades. We need to put a focus on removing the taboo from trades and be encouraging youth to get into the trades because it's necessary - we have to grow the economy."

Another area of focus for Banyai is eliminating COVID-19 vaccine mandates and passports.

She said vaccine passports and mandates are political and are not based on proper science, as they don't prevent transmission of COVID-19.

Public Health Ontario's data on case rates by vaccination status shows on May 17 there were 5.04 cases of COVID among those unvaccinated per 100,000 population, compared to 8.73 for those boosted with three doses.

"Our party platform is to make a policy so that no government or businesses in the future can do [vaccine] mandates," said Banyai, who added that a New Blue Government would rehire the thousands of healthcare workers fired over vaccine mandates.

She told the Citizen, since the start of the pandemic, she'd like to see a stronger focus on treatments, especially as immune system data came out on Vitamin D's role in fighting COVID-19 infections.

With respect to the Freedom Convoy, Banyai said she agrees with the truckers who were protesting the government's vaccine mandate for transporting supplies across the Canada-United States border.

"I come from the logistics world, so I thought it was completely insane that you would mandate truckers to have a vaccine when we've already got a crisis right now with logistics," Banyai noted.

She also expressed concerns around Bill 100, which Solicitor General Sylvia Jones announced back in March. It makes powers permanent that were given to the province during Ford's declared State of Emergency in February over blockades at border crossings.

It's been criticized by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association as being too broad, and could impact expressive activity or peaceful assembly.

Banyai said the big controversy is that the provincial State of Emergency wasn't needed for law enforcement to do their job and clear blockades at bridge crossings.

She now worries if people are gathering for a protest on a street, it could be deemed as blocking critical infrastructure, which would fall under Bill 100 and permit police to detain or ticket the people gathering.

On the topic of lockdowns, Banyai said she was firmly against this policy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

One thing that's been missing, in her view, is open and honest debate among medical professionals who disagree on topics surrounding COVID-19 and the best path for-



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NEW PARTY IN TOWN: New Blue candidate for Dufferin-Caledon Andrea Banyai is looking to bring increased transparency and accountability to provincial politics. Her party's main goals are to reform health care, reform education, defund establishment media and promote a free press, provide tax relief, and grow Ontario's economy. Apart from politics, Banyai's hobbies include yoga, hiking, foraging mushrooms, writing books, and training her puppies.

ward. The censoring of information on social media that ran counter to the government's narrative, particularly at the start of the pandemic, has been a concern for Banyai as well.

She said getting big pharma's influence out of politics would be her focus, if elected.

Out on the campaign trail, Banyai said she's really enjoying door knocking and engaging the community about the New Blue Party.

"I love talking to people, I thought I'd be nervous about it, but I really like the one on one with people and hearing their opinions," she noted. "It's been great, it's been receptive, people are supportive. They're happy there's another choice."

From her experiences engaging the community, Banyai said most people want the same things - a lower cost of living, cost of daycare, and better education.

Being new to politics, she told the Citizen it's disturbing to watch election promises made by winning political parties that are rarely ever kept.

If elected, Banyai shared what she would do differently.

"I care about Dufferin-Caledon, and I care about the issues going on here, and I would represent them," she said. "I understand what's needed to be successful. You need to read the bills, you need to consult with your community, you need to respond to your community, and you need to go out and figure out what the issues are, what people really care about. Both locally and provincially, come up with solutions, not Band-Aid solutions, long term solutions. We need to stop thinking about what are we going to say and do for the next election, and start thinking about what are we going to say and do to advance society and be better, wiser, smarter, healthier human beings."

Going forward, Banyai said she's going to continue canvassing and knocking on as many doors as she can before June 2 to spread the word about New Blue and her campaign.

She said she'd encourage everyone in Dufferin-Caledon to cast a vote and create change.

"We need representatives in Parliament that aren't afraid to stand up to the established parties and say what their constituents want and need," she said. "That's exactly what I would do. I understand the job in Parliament now and what's needed to get it done."

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Dufferin County renames Children's Services division – Early Years and Child Care

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Dufferin has renamed its Children's Services division, which will now be known as Early Years and Child Care.

The County announced the renaming in a press release on May 17, and said the new name reflects the division's service realignment to modernize its current and future services and programs.

The modernizations include pandemic-related changes and implementation of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care System.

"Our team conducted a full-service re-

view and redesigned service delivery to ensure we meet the needs of the community and provincial requirement," said Lori-Jane Del Medico, program manager.

"We remain committed to supporting Dufferin families through our role as the service system manager for Early Years programs and services, and license child care."

The Early Years and Child Care division adapted and continued to support families despite the pandemic, by delivering EarlyON and other core programs and services remotely, virtually, and outdoors.

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Advanced polls open now for provincial election

Advanced polls are open now, running from May 19 to May 28 across all of Dufferin-Caledon. Advanced polls open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

Polling stations include:

- Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (200

Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne)

- Monora Park Pavilion (500 Monora Park Drive, Mono)

- Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre (6 Northmen Way, Orangeville)

A good way to stay up to date on all the

relevant voter information for the upcoming provincial election is by downloading Elections Ontario's new app, according to Sharon LaMeadow, local Elections Ontario officer.

"On the app, you can have your voter information card loaded onto it, and when it's loaded on to the app, you can bring that to the poll, and we'll scan that," said LaMeadow.

Having the voter card on your phone can be more convenient than waiting for it in the mail or carrying it around, she added.

When coming in to the Orangeville Curling Club to cast a ballot, voters should bring a piece of photo ID and voter notification card.

LaMeadow said she'd encourage everyone in the Dufferin-Caledon riding to get educated on their local candidates and get out to vote.

"We're in a day and age where everyone should try their best to stay as informed as possible on whatever they're passionate

about, just really look into it. In terms of going out to vote, I think it's nice to encourage your family and friends, especially the young people to vote, or even get involved volunteering as well," she noted.

"We do have a public engagement officer who will be hosting a variety of events across the electoral district. So, if there's any community organizations that would want to come by and have a booth there or talk to the younger people, or any electors who face any barriers can also be in contact with us to let us know if there's anything we can do to accommodate them at the polls as well."

LaMeadow said it's best to vote early to avoid lineups on election day.

"I think that's a key thing that we're looking for because when you wait till the last second that's when you deal with all the line-ups," she remarked.

The provincial election is happening June 2.

MPP Sylvia Jones seeking re-election in Dufferin-Caledon

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

Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones is looking to extend her run as a member of provincial parliament for Dufferin-Caledon as she runs for a fifth successive term at Queen's Park.

Jones officially kicked off her campaign for re-election on May 7 at her campaign office, located at 311A Broadway in Orangeville, ahead of next month's provincial election.

Speaking with the Citizen, Jones shared why she chose to run for re-election.

"I love representing Dufferin Caledon at Queen's Park. Sharing how Dufferin-Caledon is unique, how we have some very special features and community that I want to be able to continue to serve as a member of provincial parliament," she said. "I've been able to do that I think effectively both in opposition and now serving in Doug Ford's cabinet."

In 2018, Jones was voted in as the MPP for Dufferin-Caledon for a fourth successive term at Queen's Park. In the election, she garnered more 53 per cent of the local vote winning with 29,701 votes.

"We've been out door knocking and talking to friends and neighbours to remind them about the campaign, the election, the advanced polls and ultimately sharing why I, as a member of the Doug Ford government, want to see us continuing government," said Jones. "I'm doing the same thing I have done in every election I have volunteer on and worked as a candidate in and that is reminding people that I want to serve as their member of provincial parliament. I have the drive, desire and work ethic to do that, and I have a proven track record that says I can get the job done."

At the top of Jones' campaign platform is a focus on affordable housing as well as available housing for seniors in the community.

"What I'm hearing is that people want a government that understands our children's need to find and afford a house in the community they grew up in, and our seniors need to be able to age and stay in the community where they have connections to family, faith, and friends," said Jones.

The Progressive Conservative government has been campaign with the slogan "Let's Get It Done". When asked what she believes this means in connection to Dufferin-Cale-



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INCUMBENT RUNNING: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is looking for your vote in the next provincial election on June 2.

don, Jones said, "I think it means planning for the future. If we do not have sufficient hospital capacity, we have a problem; if we don't have sufficient long-term care bed capacity, then we have a problem; if we don't have affordable housing, it forces people to move out of the community. All of those pieces really come back to planning for the future."

While Dufferin-Caledon Green Party, Liberal, and NDP candidates have platforms protesting the construction of Hwy. 413, Jones is in support for the new connective highway.

"We need to be able to start planning and appreciating that there are people and goods who need to move from point A to point B. When we do not plan for it that's when we get gridlock, that's when we get frustration, and that's when we run into problem."

Jones noted the construction of Hwy 410 as an example of why she supports the project.

"I cannot imagine today not having the 410 as an option for commuters and travellers," said Jones.

Jones will face competition for seven other candidates running in Dufferin-Caledon including;

- Andrea Banyai – New Blue
- Laura Campbell – Green Party
- Erickumar Emmanuel – Ontario Moderate Party
- Bob Gordanier – Liberals
- Lily Nguyen – Ontario Party
- Tess Prendergast – NDP
- Kay Sayer – Public Benefit Party

The provincial election will take place on June 2.

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The division also supported licensed child care with sustainability funding and the implementation of Emergency Child Care at no cost to eligible essential workers when child care closures were mandated.

The Early Years and Child Care division provide and supports a wide variety of programs and service within the county. These including EarlyON Child and Family Centre free programs and resources for parents, caregivers and children; lowering the cost of license child care for eligible families through reduced fees; funding supports to ensure the sustainability

of licensed child care; continuous professional learning of Early Years professionals; and supports for children with additional needs in licensed child care.

Del Medico noted Early Years and Child Care division will be hosting a county-wide professional learning day on June 3 to support the work of registered early childhood educators and other early learning professionals.

To learn more about the Early Years and Child Care division visit www.dufferincounty.ca/services/early-years-and-child-care.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Mansfield Senior Cubs host Barrie for home opener

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Senior Cubs hosted the Barrie Angels for their home opener on the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, May 11.

It was a perfect evening for baseball with a bright sky and a good temperature for playing ball.

Jeff Christman started on the mound for the Cubs.

Barrie was up to bat first and had no runs in the first inning.

The Cubs first at-bat of the season ended with a double play and a fly-ball.

It was a big second inning for the Angels. They loaded the bases then brought in four runs.

A bit hit to right field brought in two more runs to give the Barrie squad a 6-0 lead.

The Cubs were shut-down in the third with no men getting on base.

Barrie was up by eight in the fourth inning after bringing in two runs on a line-drive

down the third base line.

Jordan Metz got on base for the Cubs in the fourth with a nice hit to centre field but the Mansfield team couldn't capitalize and the side retired.

The rest of the game was a real defensive battle, with the Cubs unable to score.

The Angels brought in an additional two runs to end the game 10-0.

There are 13 teams in the Senior Division of the North Dufferin Baseball League this year meaning there will be plenty of good match-ups as the season goes on.

This was the first week of play for the Senior Division so it's too early to tell which teams will be moving to the top of the standings.

The Cubs will be in Owen Sound on Wednesday, May 25, to take on the Baysox.

They will return to the diamond in Mansfield on Sunday, May 29, to host the Clearview Orioles.

Game time is 2:00 p.m.



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SPRINTING TO FIRST: The Mansfield Senior Cubs host the Barrie Angels on the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, May 11, for their home opener. The Cubs were shut-down in this game and had to settle for a 10-0 loss.

Lakeshore claims provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Lakeshore Canadiens are the 2022 Junior C Provincial Schmalz Cup champions after a 3-2 OT win over the Clarington Eagles in the final tournament game on Sunday (May 15) at the University of Guelph arena.

The teams were tied at two at the end of the third period forcing overtime to decide the winner.

Lakeshore's Dylan Weston got the winning goal at 41 seconds into overtime give the Canadiens the championship.

The North Carruthers Division champions, the Stayner Siskins, who went on to win the North Conference title, started out strong with a couple of wins in the tournament. However, they lost their next two games including a loss in game four to Clarington on May 14, which eliminated them from advancing.

Four Conference champions entered the final tournament. The Stayner Siskins,

Grimsby Peach Kings, Lakeshore Canadiens, and the Clarington Eagles all earned the right to go to this year's final tournament.

Grimsby, a usual powerhouse in the Junior C loop, lost all four games in the tournament which came as a surprise to Junior C fans.

The tournament went through three rounds of preliminary competition to determine the final teams standing.

The Schmalz Cup was decided by a tournament format this season rather than the usual best-of-seven playoff series.

The provincial shut-down in January put a delay on hockey for the month after arenas around the province were closed to the public

and all hockey operations came to a halt.

League executive made the decision to extend the playing time for the regular season to determine the final standings.

Since this pushed the regular season farther into the year, it was decided it was not practical to continue with the series format as there would be issues with ice time in some municipalities.

In the North Carruthers Division, teams completed a 30-game regular season schedule with Stayner winning the championship on April 13.

It is expected the Schmalz Cup final will be back to the regular playoff format next season.

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SUGAR RUSH: Local youth enjoy ice cream sugar rushes to beat the weekend heat on Saturday.



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ENJOYING ICE CREAM: Customers of the newly opened Canadian Creamery Emporium enjoy a frozen treat outside under an umbrella, keeping cool on a hot Saturday (May 11).



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MARKING GRAND OPENING: Staff members of Canadian Creamery Emporium served up scoops of ice cream as the new ice cream shop celebrated its grand opening.



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ORDER UP: Customers line up at the counter of Canadian Creamery Emporium during the new business's grand opening on Saturday.

CDDHS Co-op Corner: Jellycraft Café & Bakery

Written By Azaria Gallimore

This week Azaria Gallimore from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about her experience and how Jellycraft Café & Bakery is contributing to our community's future.

Jellycraft Café & Bakery was established in 2001 and can be found at 120 Main Street in Shelburne. They sell a large variety of pastries and drinks, as well as homemade soups, sandwiches, wraps and delicious pierogis. They also cater weddings and birthday

parties. The staff consists of the owner Ewa Kotwas and her wonderful employees Joan, Emily, Abby and Lori.

My Co-op job title would be Assistant Baker. I have learned how to make sugar cookies, chocolate raspberry muffins, hot chocolate, coffees and iced cappuccinos. I have also learned how to make different types of sandwiches such as Chicken Caesar Wrap, Club Sandwiches, Salmon Sandwiches and many more delicious sandwiches. I've also learned how to use the cash register and how to take orders.

Some tasks that I still might get a chance to do are making bread from scratch, and perhaps even designing and baking a cake by myself. The equipment that I use on a daily basis are a spatula, towel, bowls and a whisk. My training consisted of how to work a cash register, how to manage my time, proper cleaning techniques, and how to turn off all the equipment such as the stoves, mixers and ovens. Careers that could be related

to my placement are Restaurant/Small Business Owner, Chef, Sales & Marketing, and Event Planner.

Jellycraft Café & Bakery has a long history of supporting our CDDHS Co-op Program by offering students incredible hands-on learning opportunities. They also try to help support the community by donating our day-old pastries & breads to members in the community in need.



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CO-OP CORNER: Co-op student Azaria Gallimore (centre) has been working with Jellycraft Bakery employee Joan Dwomoh (left) and the owner Ewa Kotwas (right) for her placement.

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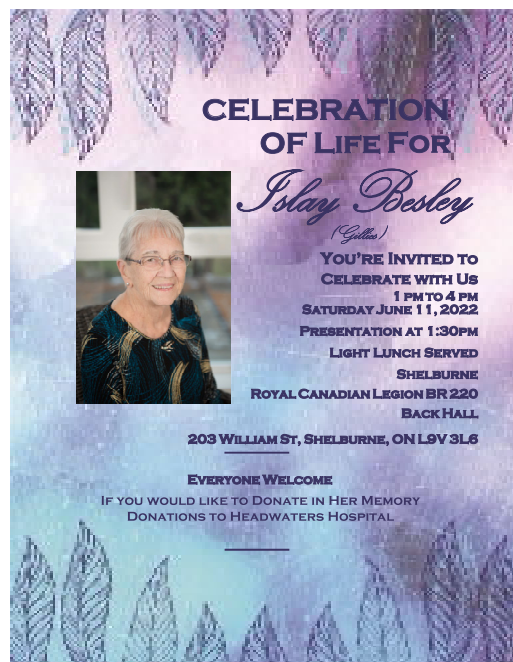
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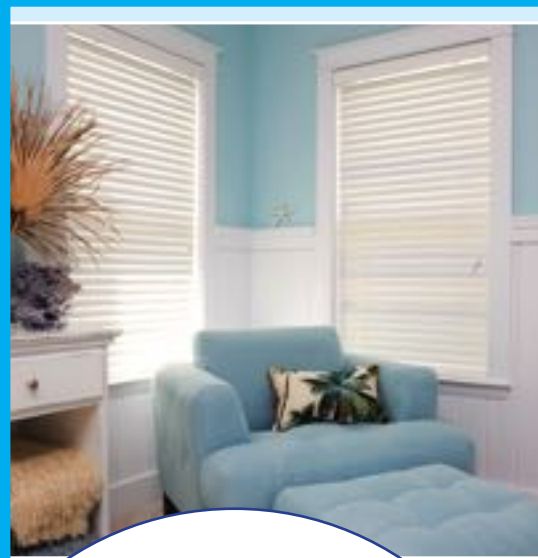
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All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed D.C. by-law and background study. The meeting is to be held virtually on:

Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm
 To participate in the meeting, please use the following link:
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 Password: 746078842

The Public Meeting may also be viewed live online at
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In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is being made available online at the municipality's website on May 13, 2022 at the following link: www.dufferincounty.ca/services/finance-purchasing

Copies of the proposed D.C. by-law and the background study are also being made available as of May 13, 2022 from the municipal Clerk at 30 Centre Street, Orangeville, L9W 2X1. Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the municipal Clerk, at the above address or email clerk@dufferincounty.ca prior to June 7, 2022. Such written submissions will be placed before Council at the meeting.

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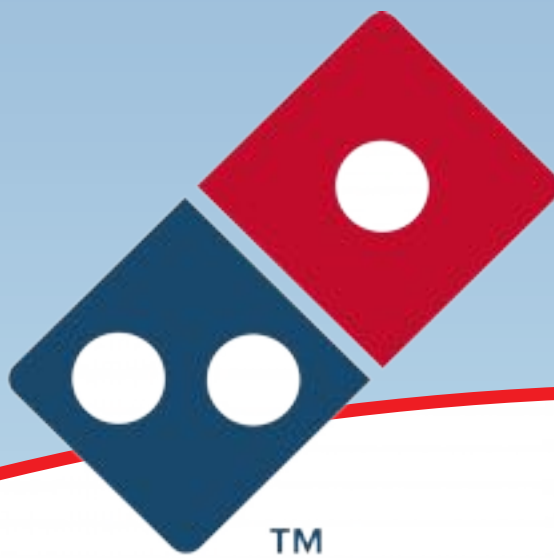
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