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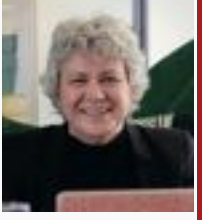
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RAIN OR SHINE: Family members of the late Cathi Snider honoured her memory on Sunday (June 11) in Shelburne as they took part in the 4th annual Walk to End ALS. Snider passed away from the terminal, progressive nervous system disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, in February 2020 after being diagnosed six months earlier. The ALS Society of Canada says an estimated 3,000 Canadians are living with ALS.

Royals Recognition Awards given to hard-working students

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) acknowledged the achievements and contributions of several students with their annual Royals Recognition Awards.

Recipients of the awards were presented with certificates during a final assembly held at the local high school on Monday (June 12).

"It's always important to let students get an opportunity to be recognized, especially for things like behaviour or community; it sets the standard for students to become and strive to be," said Damon Ealey, principal of CDDHS. "It's a great selection [of students], and that's what made it so hard this year. There were a whole bunch of students that weren't selected, but hopefully, over the years, we'll also have an opportunity to select them as well."

Three CDDHS students – Nicholas Legge, Myrissa Lowden, and Jaida Cohen – were awarded the Tom Egan Community Service Award and the Stronger Together Award. The Town of Shelburne sponsors both awards.

The Tom Egan Community Service Award, donated by the Egan Family, is awarded in memory of long-time resident and late Shelburne councillor Tom Egan, who served



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

STUDENTS AWARDED: Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) acknowledged the achievements of a number of students on Monday (June 12) during their end of year assembly, with the presentation of the annual Royal Recognition Awards including the Tom Egan Community Service Award and the Stronger Together Award.

with Shelburne Council for 19 years and was a devoted member of the Kinsmen Club. Egan passed away in 2017 at the age of 64.

Tom Egan, Community Service Award, is presented to a student who has made valuable contributions to the school and broader community. Myrissa Lowden and Jaida Cohen were jointly awarded the 2023 Tom Egan Community Service Award.

Cohen was recognized for her contributions through art, which include volunteering for Streams Community Hub, donating her art as part of a school art showcase, organizing paint nights, leading a board-wide workshop for the Black Brilliance Conference and producing two solo art exhibits.

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Royals Recognition Awards given to hard-working students

"I feel great about getting this award. I really didn't think I would get any awards so it was great," said Cohen.

Lowden was acknowledged for her involvement with school initiatives, many of which have played a role behind-the-scenes, including the Black Brilliance Conference, Culture Day, and African Heritage Month.

"I'm honoured to receive this award. Honestly, it caught me by surprise, but I feel very proud that I'm being noticed in my community," said Lowden.

The Stronger Together Award, donated by former Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, is given to a student who works to build and establish connections between student groups, individuals, and the community, as well as promote collaborative events, diversity, and education.

Nicholas Legge, a grade 11 student, was presented with the Stronger Together Award.

"It feels incredible. There are some really amazing people in this community who have encouraged me to try to step up and go

beyond what people expect me to do, and to try and make the community as enjoyable to be in, as I can," said Legge.

The Royals Recognition Awards were created to celebrate students that make a difference in the school community, inside and outside the classroom. Students are considered from criteria that include inspiring and encouraging others, promoting a respectful atmosphere, overcoming an obstacle or struggle, and contributing positively to the community.

Three students from each grade are chosen to receive the awards based on nominations from teachers.

Recipients of the 2023 Royal Recognition Awards were Kaylah Blumetti, Liyah Enriquez, and Hannah Park for Grade 9; Muskaan Bhardwaj, Kayleigh French, and Quinn Millsap for Grade 10; Isaac Adetona, Jediah Harriott, and Ian Kee for Grade 11; and Ella Cruikshank, Ella Day and Steven Thompson for Grade 12.

Fire danger rating to dropping to 'moderate'

Written By Paula Brown
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Fire Departments of Dufferin County are anticipating a county-wide fire ban to drop to a moderate fire danger rating as of Friday (June 16).

Speaking with the Free Press, Shelburne Fire Chief Ralph Snyder said the likely decision to remove the county-wide fire ban is due to the significant rainfall the area has seen since the fire ban was enacted.

Fire Chiefs at Dufferin County departments initially raised concerns about high fire danger at the beginning of June due to the dry and hot weather conditions.

The decision to enact the high fire danger level was made by a group of fire chiefs from local fire departments, including Grand Valley, Shelburne, Orangeville, Mulmur/Mel-anthou, and Rosemont.

"We ask that residents avoid all unnecessary outdoor fire burning until the weather conditions change and we are able to return

to normal levels of fire danger," said acting Orangeville Fire Chief Michael Richardson in a June 1 press release. "When danger levels are higher than normal, fires can spread more easily. If an outdoor fire is necessary, please be mindful of your surroundings."

A week after raising the fire danger level to high, the working group of Fire Chiefs announced the immediate issuing of a county-wide fire ban in June. The fire ban prohibited all open-air burnings.

In a June 8 press release from Dufferin County fire chiefs, they said the decision came after particularly dry weather conditions in the Dufferin area and limited rainfall, along with an air quality warning for the region due to smoke from wildfires in Ontario and Quebec.

A moderate fire danger rating will mean that Dufferin County residents will need to take caution when having open-air flames.

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Indigenous People's Day event coming to Alexandra Park

Written By Paula Brown
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC) is inviting the community to join them in celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day.

The Indigenous-led not-for-profit organization will host an art-focused event celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 21.

"It's an opportunity to learn about Indigenous culture, and this year we're doing it through art," explained Debbie Egerton, chair for the DCCRC. "It'll be a great time and an opportunity for people to be able to get up and personal with some of the artists."

National Indigenous Peoples Day was established in 1996 and is a day to recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of Indigenous Peoples.

This year, the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle is putting a special focus on the youth of the community and connecting them to their culture through art. "We're hoping to bring the youth to-

gether and create a mentorship through art so that we can provide a support for them," said Egerton. "We have Indigenous youth that are here and may feel disconnected from the community, and this day is an opportunity for a reconnection. We want youth to learn that we are connected to our past, but we can take the past and move forward and continue in developing and creating a safer more inclusive environment."

The Indigenous People's Day event, hosted by the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle, will begin at 11 a.m. in the Orangeville Town Hall Gallery with an art exhibit showcasing the works of Indigenous artist Josy Thomas.

The celebration will then move to Alexandra Park, located beside Town Hall, where an afternoon of music will begin. The Traveling Wannabes (Josh Leitch and Norm Trudeau) will kick the musical event off at 1 p.m., followed by J-Rez at 2 p.m. and then the incredible Mama D at 3 p.m.

The event will end after an open mic at 4 p.m. that will welcome all musicians.

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Headwaters launches real-time wait clock in Emergency Department

Headwaters Health Care Centre has introduced a real-time wait clock for the Emergency Department (ED). The wait clock will give up-to-date information on the estimated wait time to see a doctor. Wait times are now posted in the ED and on the Headwaters website.

"Sharing Emergency Department wait times in our hospital and on our website perfectly aligns with our strategic direction of 'Getting Even Better.' Our patients are at the heart of everything we do and we fully support providing patients and their supports with more information, so they can have access to timely and efficient services," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre.

If people need serious medical attention, they are still urged to go to their nearest ED. For life-threatening, time-critical emergencies, call 911.

Online access to the real-time wait clock gives patients and their families more infor-

mation to plan their visit. The wait clock will show:

- The total number of patients currently in the ED (including the number of patients who have and have not seen a doctor)
- The estimated time (in hours) it will take to see a doctor
- Expected wait times for the next six hours

The online wait clock also lists other care providers/alternatives to the ED such as walk-in clinics and family doctors to help patients experiencing minor health problems make an informed decision before arriving at the hospital for care.

The wait clock makes sure that everyone, including staff, patients, and volunteers, can access and see the same information at the same time.

Due to rapidly changing demands in the emergency department and the need to see the sickest patients first, wait times are not guaranteed and may vary from the time displayed.



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WAITING ROOM CLOCK: Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is launching a Wait Time Clock in two of its Emergency Department waiting areas to let people know how long they'll be waiting before receiving care. The Wait Time Clock can also be found online at HHCC's website.



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CADETS AWARDED: The Annual Ceremonial Review for the Shelburne 164th Air Cadet Squadron was held at the Shelburne Legion on Saturday, June 3. Flight Corporal Brayden Macbeth was presented a trophy award by Shelburne President Dean Schroeder. Not pictured: Retiring Cadet Warrant Officer First Class Andrew Margiotta was also presented with an award by Schroeder.



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SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD BANK: The first McHappy Day in Shelburne raised \$1,500 for the local food bank on May 10. A cheque was presented to the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank on May 29.



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FOODLAND FUNDRAISER: The Shelburne Foodland raised over \$900 for Special Olympics by collecting donations at the checkout for all of last week. Foodland is a big supporter of Special Olympics Dufferin. Pictured from left: Special Olympics athlete Kristoff, Foodland staff member Jenn, store manager Heidi, and Cole, Special Olympics athlete.

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Who chopped down the cherry tree?

The house that I grew up in was part of a subdivision built in the mid-1950s.

My parents purchased that house as a newlywed couple before the builder even broke ground, based on the plans alone – as did most of the people in the neighbourhood.

At one time, I knew just about everyone in that neighbourhood, as the young couples who bought there all had kids my age or within a few years. Most of us went all the way through elementary and high school together.

Over the years, the kids grew up and moved away, although many of the parents stayed in their homes.

Eventually, that neighbourhood was filled with a lot of elderly people – many of them widows living alone. As that generation died off, the houses are now being purchased by a new generation of young families who will repeat history and raise kids of their own.

One of the very unique things about his neighbourhood was the fact that many of the homes had pear trees in the backyard.

The entire neighbourhood had been built on a pear orchard. Why the trees weren't all removed, I'm not sure. They were great for climbing as a kid, but fruit trees need to be pruned and taken care of.

These trees were all overgrown and huge.

I recall my father telling me that when they bought the property, he insisted the trees be removed because he saw nothing but trouble in the future, and he was right.

The trees still produced fruit, but each year the neighbour's yards were a mess with fallen fruit all over the ground and leaves piled high.

Down the street, there was an abandoned field where we used to play. It was filled with cherry trees on one side and an orchard of peach trees on the other side. By this point in time, the orchard had been neglected because some developer purchased the property, and farmer Brown probably retired with the money.

All those cherry and peach trees were later bulldozed. The property now has a school, a large park with a swimming pool, which I did enjoy as a kid, and some houses on one side.

The thing is, there are only a couple of places in all of Canada where you can grow tender fruit – the Niagara Fruit Belt being one of those places.

The area, mostly Niagara-on-the-Lake, still grows peaches, cherries, pears, and plums and has a lot of vineyards.

But those orchards on the north side of

Niagara Falls will never again produce any kind of fruit because they are all paved over.

When the Ontario Greenbelt was established, the idea was to protect farmland, communities, forests, wetlands and watersheds, as well as cultural heritage places, while supporting recreation and tourism.

The Greenbelt covers an area of over 800,000 hectares of land.

There are a lot of people in the province who are upset about the provincial government's decision to allow development on Greenbelt land. They should be upset.

The idea of the Greenbelt was to protect sensitive areas and the farmland that keeps us fed.

The Conservation Authorities around the province were created for a reason and do a good job of protecting waterways around Ontario. Now their expertise is being ignored, and authority eroded in favour of filling sensitive wetlands with cookie-cutter houses.

The idea behind the Greenbelt is right in its name – GREEN.

Once you start sending bulldozers and earth movers into sensitive lands, there is no going back.

There is a new subdivision going up in a

sensitive area near where I live. The area is already prone to flooding. As I passed by on a regular basis, I noticed thousands of truckloads of earth were being brought in, and the development was getting a rise in elevation. Apparently, by several feet, due to concerns of high water causing problems with the new houses.

The residents in a long-established neighbourhood across the road were suitably alarmed.

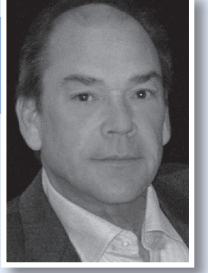
I spoke to several of them at a town meeting about the new development.

The cause for concern was that since the area already has flooding problems, and the new neighbourhood will tower over theirs, what will happen during heavy rain? Well, water runs downhill and guess who's going to get that flood?

You don't have to be an environmental engineer to see a big problem in the future when the lower neighbourhood residents have water pouring into their basements after a big storm.

The Greenbelt is there for a reason – leave it alone.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Ukraine: The counter-offensive begins

The furious speculation on whether the Ukrainian counter-offensive will succeed has been ongoing for several months already, so the first thing I must tell you is that I don't know. Nobody knows, not even the Ukrainians.

They know that the big prize is a southward offensive that reaches the Black Sea coast and virtually cuts off all the Russian forces west of there. (The Russians could still get some supplies via Crimea, but not much.)

However, the Russians know that too, and they have been building deep defences all across the southern region since late last year. Moreover, it's around 90 kilometres from the present Ukrainian position to the coast. That's a very long way if the Russians stand and fight.

'Some of them will and some of them won't' is the standard assumption based on the past year's fighting, which is why the Ukrainians are launching probing attacks almost all the way along the 1,000-km front line.

Any heavy fighting elsewhere will be designed to force the Russians to commit their reserves early so they aren't available to strengthen Russian defences in the south. The Russians won't easily be suckered into doing that, however, because they know what the Ukrainian strategy must be.

If the Russians commit their reserves to the

south big and early, on the other hand, the Ukrainians might decide to switch their main attack to the north instead and leave the south for later. Choices in war are unpredictable, and outcomes are even more so.

There's a very good chance that the Ukrainians will achieve their highest priority, which is to win back enough territory to secure continuing financial support and weapons supplies from the West. Otherwise, they would be forced to accept a cease-fire that leaves much of their country under Russian occupation.

There's at least an even chance that the Ukrainian army will break through to the south coast and inflict a major defeat on the Russians. However, even that would probably not force the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, to accept defeat and withdraw from Ukraine entirely.

There is a small but real possibility that the Russian army might collapse on the battlefield in the event of a major defeat or that the regime might change in Moscow as part of a domestic power struggle, but neither event would necessarily bring an end to the war.

What remains to be said (but rarely is in the context of a military analysis like the one above) is that this war, like all wars, is a human hunter-gatherer legacy and, more broadly, a predator evolutionary adaptation that is utterly

counter-productive in any technological civilization.

The Putin regime has behaved very badly and invaded a neighbour who posed no threat, but the military institutions that made such an act possible exist in every country. The social structures and political assumptions that underpin them are as old as civilization, and while armies are a human innovation, war is much older.

We didn't invent war; we inherited it. Our branch of the primate family has been living in small groups for a long time, and we probably became predators (like our closest relatives, the chimpanzees) at least three million years ago. Most group-living animal predators are engaged in a permanent low-level war with nearby groups of the same species.

Fights to the death between individual predators are rare because there's a 50% chance of death in every fight. Make the right submissive gesture and walk away. But rival groups of the same species of predator can and do fight wars: lions, hyenas, chimpanzees – and humans.

It makes evolutionary sense for group-living predators because the supply of food (prey) sometimes gets scarce. Predators are strongly territorial, and killing off members of neighbouring groups means that when the

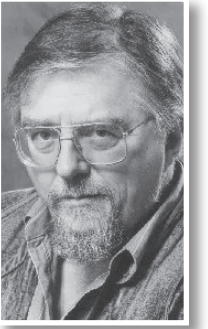
hard times come, your group can overwhelm the neighbours and survive by using their territory too.

Human hunter-gatherers also behaved like this, and they carried these behaviours into their civilizations. The little bands became tribes with imaginary shared ancestors and then millions-strong societies united by 'national' identities. The war bands grew into armies, and the weapons got steadily deadlier.

War actually still made economic sense when land was the only source of wealth, but military conquest isn't even profitable anymore. Many people understand that war is obsolete and existentially dangerous in the nuclear era, and there were collective attempts to stop it after both world wars: the League of Nations and the United Nations.

Ukraine's decision in 1994 to give up the nuclear weapons it inherited from the Soviet Union in return for a Russian promise to respect its frontiers was another of those attempts, and that didn't work very well either. Just another demonstration of how hard it is to escape our past. Nevertheless, we have no choice but to keep trying.

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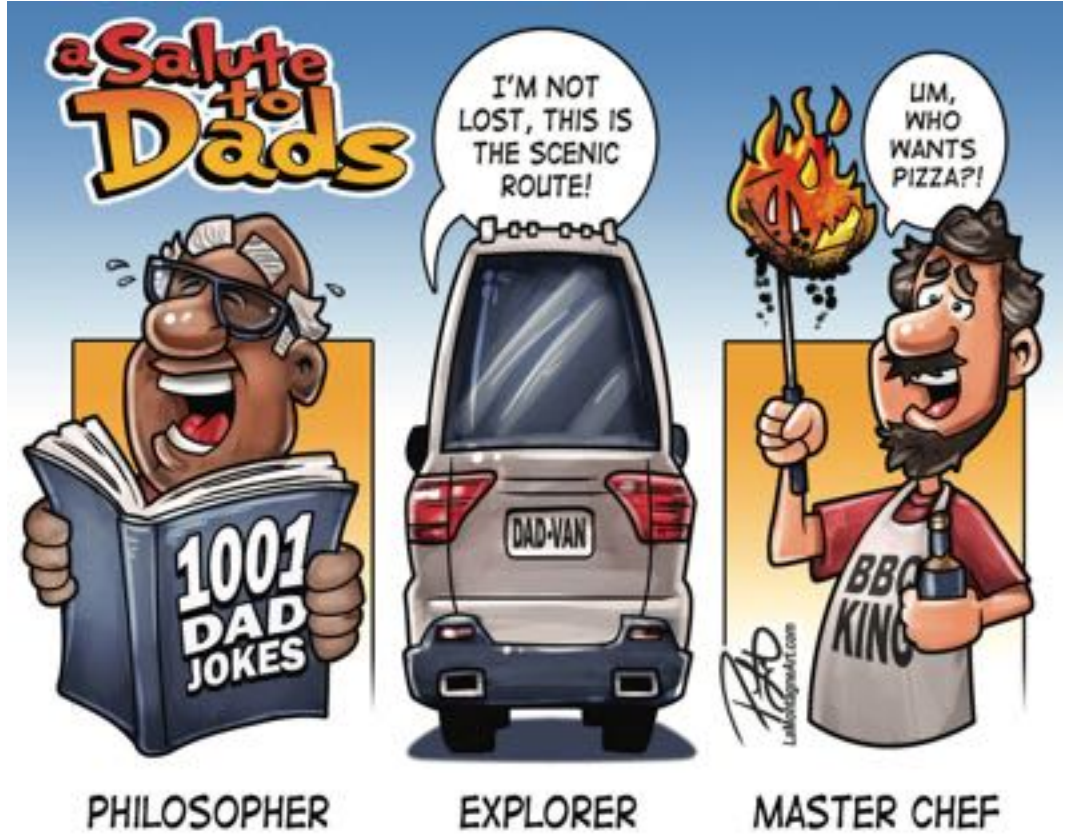
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Dufferin County approves 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

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

Dufferin County Council has officially approved their strategic plan for the next four years.

The County's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, which was developed in collaboration with the community, council, and staff, focuses on a vision of making Dufferin "a community that grows together and will look at ways to make the community a great place to live, do business, and visit."

The Strategic Plan will act as a roadmap to help guide plans for the future, including forming the foundation of operational plans, annual budget, recommendations to the council, and day-to-day decision-making.

"The plan is ambitious, and aims to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing all communities and organizations, including the impacts of climate change, housing affordability, community safety, employee well-being, and racism and discrimination," said Wade Mills, Warden of Dufferin County. "It is our great privilege to serve the community of Dufferin County. Through collaboration with community members, partner organizations and agencies, businesses, and others, we will build on the work we have

done and continue to chart a path to a sustainable, inclusive and prosperous future in Dufferin County."

There are five priority areas under the Strategic Plan, and each priority area has corresponding goals:

- **Climate and Environment:** a focus on establishing the County as a leader in climate action as well as enhancing and conserving Dufferin's natural environment
- **Community:** increase affordable and attainable housing options, support community well-being and safety through collaboration and partnerships, and explore opportunities to improve access to healthcare services
- **Economy:** advance County-wide economic and workforce development and improve broadband and cellular connectivity
- **Governance:** Identify opportunities to improve governance and service delivery while improving the County's internal and external communications
- **Equity:** Align programs, services, and infrastructure with changing community needs, and ensure that the County is an inclusive, equitable and supportive Employer of Choice

"The Plan reflects our shared vision, mission and values and outlines our key priority

areas, goals and initiatives for the next four years and beyond," said Sonya Pritchard, chief administrative officer for Dufferin County.

The County of Dufferin will also apply climate and equity lenses across the entire administration. The climate and equity lenses will be embedded into decision-making and

how the County delivers services relied on every day by the community.

Progress and performance of the strategic plan will be reported to staff, County Council, and the public.

The 2023 to 2026 Dufferin County Strategic Plan can be read online at www.dufferincounty.ca.



JAMES MATTHEWS PHOTO

ANNOUNCING GRANT: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones presented a \$16,800 grant to members of the Dufferin Parent Support Network on June 12, which also marked the organization's 25th anniversary in the community.

Dufferin Parent Support Network celebrates 25 years of helping families

Written By **James Matthews**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Dufferin Parent Support Network looks forward to a fruitful continuation of a quarter century of service.

And a resilient communities grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will help take the 25-year-old organization into the future.

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, was on hand at the DPSN annual general meeting on June 12 to officially announce the \$16,800 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund.

The DPSN is a collaborative network of parents and community agencies that came together in 1999 to provide a network of support for parents of school-aged children.

The network promotes the idea that through more effective parenting, children and youth will become all they can be. They will develop emotional and physical well-being. They will be nurtured to believe in themselves, better handle life's challenges, and

make healthy choices.

The DPSN promotes parenting skills based on understanding and working with children's behaviour.

"I was actually one of the individuals who, with my husband, used the services," said Jones, adding that her children are now 20 and 23.

"I see the value of those courses."

Jones said she wanted to acknowledge the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"It is a standalone organization funded by Ontario tax dollars, but the assessments and the reviews of the [grant] applications are done by volunteers," she said.

And those volunteers, she said, live in the community and are beneficiaries of the grant money that goes to that community.

"I think sometimes we forget how much that happens in a community is actually driven by boards of volunteers," Jones said.

Many of the volunteers around the table at the AGM have either used some of the DSPN programming at some point or wish they could have availed of the services when their grown children were younger.

Neetu Dane, a member of the board of directors, said the purpose of the grant is to shore up the network's financial capacity to be sustainable in a post-pandemic world and to be responsive to diverse communities that make up the region.

Being awarded the grant affirms that the network is headed in the right direction and the organization's mission to support parents in their parenting roles is the right thing to do.

"We're still aligned with those values," Dane said. "And our mission will change very slightly, but more to engage more people.

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1. In a place to sleep
5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
8. A way to fish
11. Classic Linklater film "___ and Confused"
13. Legume
14. Indonesian island
15. Smooth, creamy substance
16. Arctic
17. Wood sorrels
18. Defied
20. Cattle
21. Tableland
22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
25. Repossession
30. Danced
31. Adult males
32. A type of section
33. Type of Japanese animation
38. Satisfaction
41. Fit

43. "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
45. Failure
47. Israeli city
49. French river
50. Cavalry-sword
55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
56. Liquefied natural gas
57. Afflicted
59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Large body of water
63. ___ kosh, near Lake Winnebago
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Payroll firm
2. Unit of transmission
3. Rockers Better Than ___
4. Bambi is one series
5. Highest parts of something
6. Correct behavior
7. Batty
8. Cyprinid fishes
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
12. American rocker Snider
14. W. African language
19. Symbol to mark for removal
23. ___ Squad
24. Resident
25. Federal savings bank
26. Paddle
27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
28. One point south of due east
29. Winter melon
34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
35. Anger
36. Central European river
37. First responders
39. Spanish noble
40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
41. Defunct airline
42. Small island (British)
44. The extent of something from beginning to end
45. Capital of Bangladesh
46. Dutch cheese
47. Imitates
48. A contest of speed
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. UNLV's are Runnin'
58. Criticize

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Shelburne Family Chiropractic and Wellness Centre to mark 5-year anniversary in the community, big plans for the future

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

Shelburne Family Chiropractic and Wellness Centre will mark a significant milestone as they celebrate the clinic's 5th anniversary.

"It's a pretty surreal feeling that something we created five years ago, just myself and my wife, has grown so fast and that we're able to celebrate five years of taking care of the community," said Dr. Richard Magder, chiropractor and owner of the clinic.

Shelburne Family Chiropractic and Wellness Centre, located at 310 Main St. E in Shelburne, is owned and operated by local chiropractor Dr. Richard Magder and his wife, Alexandra Georgie.

Having seen his own fair share of chiropractors at a young age to help with various sports injuries, Dr. Magder always floated the idea of pursuing a career as a chiropractor.

After earning an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Business at York University, Dr. Mag-

der returned to school at the age of 26 to study Psychology and Science at the University of Western Ontario. Following his undergraduate education, he completed his Doctorate of Chiropractic at Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, receiving the Judy Ladell Award as class valedictorian.

"Truthfully, I never believed that I was smart enough and able to obtain the goals that I set out for myself. As I got older, I realized this was something I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I wanted to be able to help people, take care of people, and be there to inspire them to live a healthier lifestyle," he explained.

Since opening the clinic five years ago, Shelburne Family Chiropractic has evolved in the number of services available to the community. Some of the current services include chiropractic, acupuncture, massage therapy, naturopathic doctor, cupping therapy, manual osteopathy, mental health counselling, and pregnancy care.

Shelburne Family Chiropractic has also



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

FIVE YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY: Shelburne Family Chiropractic and Wellness Centre are marking a milestone as they celebrate the fifth anniversary of the clinic, located at 310 Main Street E. The local health and wellness clinic will be commemorating the anniversary with an event on June 16 at for their patients at the Shelburne Curling Club, which they sold 250 tickets for.

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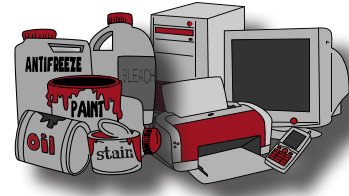


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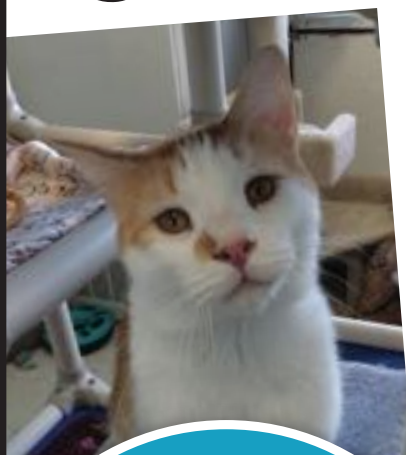
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Recipients announced for Dufferin County's 2023 Bill Hill Scholarships

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

Six local students have been awarded a scholarship for post-secondary education from the County of Dufferin.

Dufferin County Council announced and honoured the six recipients of the 2023 Bill Hill Scholarship during their meeting on June 8.

"As one of the members on the selection committee, I can attest to the fact that it was a difficult decision. A large number of applications were received for most categories, which certainly was encouraging, and based upon the level of talent that we saw reflected through those applications I think it's safe to say that Dufferin County is certainly producing some highly skilled and accomplished young people," said Warden Wade Mills. "Congratulations to everybody and in particular congratulations to the six successful recipients, and all the best on your future endeavors."

The scholarship program was introduced by the County of Dufferin in 2015 and recognizes students who pursue post-secondary education and training in the areas of science and technology, business and social sciences, agriculture and environment studies, arts, and skilled trades. Two scholarships also recognized students who identify as Black, Indigenous, First Nations, Metis, Inuit, or Person of Colour.

Originally known as the Dufferin County Scholarship, the grant was renamed in 2019 in honour of former council member and Warden Bill Hill, who is regarded as the driving force behind the development of the annual scholarship program.

"Investing in the future of Dufferin County was a consistent theme in all of the late Bill Hill's work as an elected official, and it is for that reason that the council has named the scholarship program in his memory," said Mills. "Bill was the driving force behind the development of the annual scholarships that

a health and wellness clinic; we know healthy communities are built upon involvement and giving back."

Having hit its five-year anniversary goals, the local health and wellness clinic is now looking ahead. Future endeavours may include expanding the clinic space, expanding to other communities, and incorporating technology into patient care.

Shelburne Family Chiropractic will celebrate its five-year milestone with an anniversary party at the local curling club on June 16, which they have sold 250 tickets for so far. The wellness centre will also be collecting food items for the Shelburne Food Bank as a way to give back to the community.

Dufferin County offers for students pursuing higher education and apprenticeships."

In attendance for the scholarship presentation were Hill's wife, daughter and granddaughter.

The 2023 Bill Hill Scholarship recipients are:
Brett Kuzyk – Arts (Fine Arts & Liberal Arts)

Brett is a student from Westside Secondary School and will be going on to study Photography at Fanshawe College. Brett has photographed local community events and will attend post-secondary education to further his skills.

Alexis Quilatan – Black and Racialized

Alexis is a dedicated student from Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School. She is a talented visual and musical arts student and will be pursuing Engineering at her post-secondary school.

Madison Lacroix – Business & Social Sciences

Madison is a student from Westside Secondary School. Madison has a passion for helping others and will be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

Grace Rowley – Indigenous – First Nations

Grace is a dedicated indigenous student from Centre Dufferin District High School. Grace has a passion for helping others and will be going on to obtain her Bachelor of Child Development.

Bethany Quinton – Science & Technology

Bethany is a student from Orangeville District Secondary School who is a talented athlete and dancer. She will be studying Pre-Health Sciences Advanced Diploma and hopes to become a Paramedic.

Jacob Hilliard – Skilled Trades & Training Programs

Jacob is a hard-working student from Orangeville District Secondary School who is a dedicated athlete with a passion for snowmobiling. Jacob will be starting a Power Line Technician program in the fall.

New council committee members appointed

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

The Shelburne Economic Development Advisory Committee has appointed three new candidates to their roster of members.

During a regular meeting on Monday (June 12), Shelburne Town Council approved the appointment of Althea Morgan, Chuck Thibeault, and Charlene Hofbauer to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC).

At their May 24 meeting, council approved the recommendation to expand the EDAC membership to include members from groups and organizations outside of Shelburne.

Althea Morgan is a lawyer with Adlai Law Professional Corporation, a Toronto-based law firm with a Shelburne office. Chuck Thibeault is the executive director of Central Counties Tourism, an agency responsible for the marketing and development of tourism in Headwaters, York and Durham. Char-

lene Hofbauer is the executive director of the Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin, which has identified local labour market trends for over two decades.

"[Althea] comes with a fairly extensive background in policy development and it was felt that she would play an important role with regards to this Economic Development Strategic Plan," said Carol Maitland, economic development officer for the Town of Shelburne. "We work quite closely now with [Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin], in terms of gathering data, especially employment data. We work very closely with [Central Counties Tourism] now also with regards to our tourism development."

The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDC) works to promote the Town of Shelburne as a place for business growth and economic investment. The Economic Development Advisory Committee meets on a quarterly basis.



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- Do not water when it is windy. Wind can blow sprinklers off target and speed up evaporation.
- Water in the morning. Mornings are cooler and winds tend to be calmer so water can soak into the soil and be absorbed by grass roots before it can evaporate.
- Invest in a rain barrel to collect rain water. Water collected in your rain barrel is actually better for your garden because it doesn't contain any chlorine contaminants and is at ambient temperature.
- Experts say you only need 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water, a week, including rainfall, to maintain a vibrant healthy lawn. Considering adding mulch to the garden bed to reduce watering requirements. Plant water efficient plants, trees and vegetables.
- Fix Leaky Faucets and Toilets. A leaky toilet can waste up to 20 cubic meters a day which could cost you \$28 extra per day!
- Use a cover on your pool when it is not being used. It will cut down on evaporation and keep it cleaner and warmer.
- When washing your vehicle, use a bucket with sponge plus a trigger nozzle and you will save litres of water.

SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shocks Elite training for high-level tournament play

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Shocks Basketball Club has a new official travelling team that is getting ready to make an impression at tournaments both in Ontario and the U.S.

The U16 Shocks Elite team has members from around the region who have considerable experience and tried out for the team.

Shelburne Shocks Basketball was first organized five years ago. Although they had to curb activity during the pandemic, they have returned stronger than ever.

The Shocks Elite is a great opportunity for players that are looking to get experience and advance through the sport.

"We're going to be doing Elite tournaments and travelling into the U.S. with them," explained Shelburne Shocks founder and coach Sherwin Stephens. "We have a tournament next week in Springfield Massachusetts. This is the U16 team."

The team is still trying to get their foot in tournament play and get recognized at a certain level. They will do this by playing well and showing they can compete.

"We're not fully AAU right now, but

we've played against AAU teams in the U.S. and Canada," Sherwin explained. "We have players from all around the 519 region. We have players from Dundalk, Owen Sound, we've got a couple from Harriston and Barrie, Shelburne, and Orangeville. This is our fifth year as an organization. We've got a lot of talent."

Once the squad hits the road, they will be up against some serious competition.

"We have five serious tournaments lined up, all the tournaments are huge," Sherwin explained.

The teams were in the gym at Centre Dufferin District High School on Saturday, June 10, for a two-hour practice.

"They got to be ready, especially when they are playing these teams," Sherwin said. "Those guys are already into conditioning and endurance and everything, and we have to be the same way. These guys on our team are good - they can handle it. We were going to have one team, but we have so much talent we decided to go with two teams. They can't wait to go next week."

The gym at CDDHS has a very good basketball facility which the team appreciates.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TRAINING: The Shelburne Shocks Elite team is putting a lot of hard work into getting ready for tournament play. The U16 team will be up against high-level teams both in Ontario and the U.S. this season. They had a two-hour practice in the gym at Centre Dufferin District High School on Saturday, June 10.

"I love it here, it's home to them," Sherwin explained. "I want them to feel comfortable. We have four players from this high school. The rest are from different schools, and we'll just work to put it all together." The players had an enthusiastic practice and looked very talented on the court.

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FORE CHARITY: The Shelburne & District Firefighters Association hosted its annual fundraising golf tournament at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 10. The tournament raises funds for equipment at the fire hall and other worthy organizations. Joe Medeiros, representing FLATO Developments Inc., delivers a cheque for \$1,000 to event organizers and firefighters Kevin Rideout and Matt Giles. FLATO was a Platinum sponsor of the event.

Shelburne firefighters host golf tournament fundraiser

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne & District Firefighters Association held its annual fundraising golf tournament on Saturday, June 10, at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club.

The tournament raises funds which are channelled back into the community, helping to buy needed equipment at the fire hall as well as contributing to non-profits like Boots on the Ground - an organization that supports firefighters.

Over two years, the tournament has raised over \$50,000 through generous sponsors and those participating in the golf tournament.

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HOCKEY NIGHT in Dufferin-Caledon

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Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon, organized by Member of Parliament **Kyle Seeback**, is back!
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CASSIE GANSEKOELE

New to track and field, CDDHS athlete Cassie Gansekoele had an outstanding performance in her first year in the sport. She competed at the Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association (CWOSSA) event and finished 2nd over all in the junior discus competition, as well as competing in the shot put event. Cassie qualified to compete at the OFSSA West Regionals. "I joined the team - you keep practicing," Cassie explained. "I like discus. I like the technique and feel like I can succeed more in discus," Cassie said of her preference for the discus event. When she's not competing in track and field, Cassie plays softball with the Palmerston Marlinns.

TEAM: CDDHS TRACK AND FIELD
SPECIALTY: DISCUS AND SHOT PUT

Continued from SPORTS

Shelburne firefighters host golf tournament fundraiser

This year's Platinum sponsors include Blueriver Powersports, Crewson Insurance, Fieldgate Homes, Flato Developments Inc., Zeke Air, Strada Aggregates, Tupling Farms, and Live2Wrap.

There were 13 Gold level sponsors and over 50 Silver and Bronze sponsors who helped make the event successful.

"All the money raised is put back into

the community – every cent that comes in goes back to the community," explained Kevin Rideout, event organizer and president of the Shelburne & District Firefighters Association. "Money is used to buy lifesaving equipment. This year a portion of it is going to Camp Bucko which is a camp offered to kids ages seven to 17 with burn injuries. We also donate to Boots on

the Ground which is a peer support group for first responders."

The Firefighter Association works closely with the Fire Department to determine which new pieces of equipment are needed to provide a safer community.

"Recent purchases that we were able to step in and help out with include a gear extractor, wildland gear, radios, flashlights

and a ventilation saw," Kevin explained. "We are very grateful for the ongoing support from our community which continues to enable us to purchase lifesaving gear and equipment to better serve our community."

A well-equipped fire department is essential to the well-being and safety of any city or town.

Gladiators defeat Warriors in Shelburne Cricket Club's House League

Written By Brian Lockhart

It was week four action of the Shelburne Cricket Club's house league on Saturday, June 10, when the Gladiators took on the Warriors.

The Gladiators won the toss and opted to bat. Led by captain Sujay Sunny, who scored 48 runs, the Gladiators set a formidable total of 188 runs – the highest in the house league.

The innings were bolstered by the partnership between Sunny and Weylin Kapp, frustrating the Warrior's bowling attack.

Warriors bowler Hisaan Siddiqui showed his skill and took crucial wickets, finishing with a figure of two wickets in a single.

The Gladiators won by 36 runs.

The next day, Sunday, June 11, there was a match between the Shelburne Knights and the Samurais.

The Knights struggle, posting a meagre total of 71 runs.

Amjait Hussian's remarkable 4-wicket haul kept the Knights in check.

Samurais' skipper Mohammad Abdul Razaq played a captain's knock, scoring 22 runs off just 17 balls, guiding his team to a remarkable comeback victory.

In the women's division, the Shelburne

Valkyries and Shelburne Angels engaged in a pre-season warm-up match, with the Angels showcasing their dominance by securing a convincing win.

The women's teams are now eagerly preparing for their first match in the upcoming best-of-five tournament scheduled for June 25, weather permitting.



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CRICKET BATTLE: The Warriors take on the Gladiators during Shelburne Cricket Clubhouse league play at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, June 10. The Gladiators won this game by 36 runs.

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It is with great sadness and broken hearts to announce that our beautiful wife, loving mother, and ever-loving grandma earned her wings on May 31, 2023 at the age of 79.

She was the much-loved wife and best friend of Howard for 59 years, loving mother to John (Brenda) & Rob (Faye) and cherished grandma to Kyle (Shannon), Courtney (Levy), Morgan, Mallory (Diego) and her furry grand puppies.

Donna was born to loving parents Elmer & Luella Coleman, she was raised on the family farm on the Fifth Line South of Relessey. The Fifth Line remained her home for her entire life.

Family was her greatest love, followed by the love of her flower gardens which were admired by all that visited during the summer months. She was a long withstanding member of the Relessey Cemetery Board that she held dear to her heart.

Donna touched the lives of many and was loved by all that knew her and she will be greatly missed by her brother and sister-in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends.

Donna requested that in lieu of flowers donations to her much-cherished Relessey Church and Cemetery would be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be made payable to Relessey Church and mailed to 874548 5th Line EHS Mono ON L9W 6A8.

A Celebration of Life was held with family and friends.

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Margaret



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The family of the late Lois Allen wish to sincerely thank all the caring people who have been so supportive with cards, flowers and donations in memory of our Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma. We would also like to extend a very special thank you to the first floor staff at Dufferin Oaks for their kind, loving and compassionate care of Mom and to the March of Dimes staff at the McKelvie Burnside Seniors Village for their support in caring for mom during her years as a resident. Your many acts of kindness will always be remembered.

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RINGUETTE, KELLY

It is with great sadness that the family announces the death of Kelly Ann Elizabeth Ringuette (nee Fraser). Kelly passed away peacefully at Toronto Western Hospital on May 22nd, 2023 at the age of 65. Beloved by husband Don Ringuette and dear daughter Nicole Ringuette. Predeceased by parents Jim and Shirley Fraser. Family members left to mourn are father-in-law George Ringuette, sister-in-law Diane Ringuette, stepmother Mary Lou Fraser, siblings Janet Hall, Sandra Fraser, Heather Masters and Justin Fraser. Kelly will be greatly missed by her sweet little dog, Lily. Special to Kelly was cousin Susan Andrew, and Uncle Tom and Aunt Eleanor. Respecting Kelly's wishes there will be no funeral. Kelly gave the gift of life through organ donation.



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
UNDER SECTIONS 45 OF THE PLANNING ACT**

Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

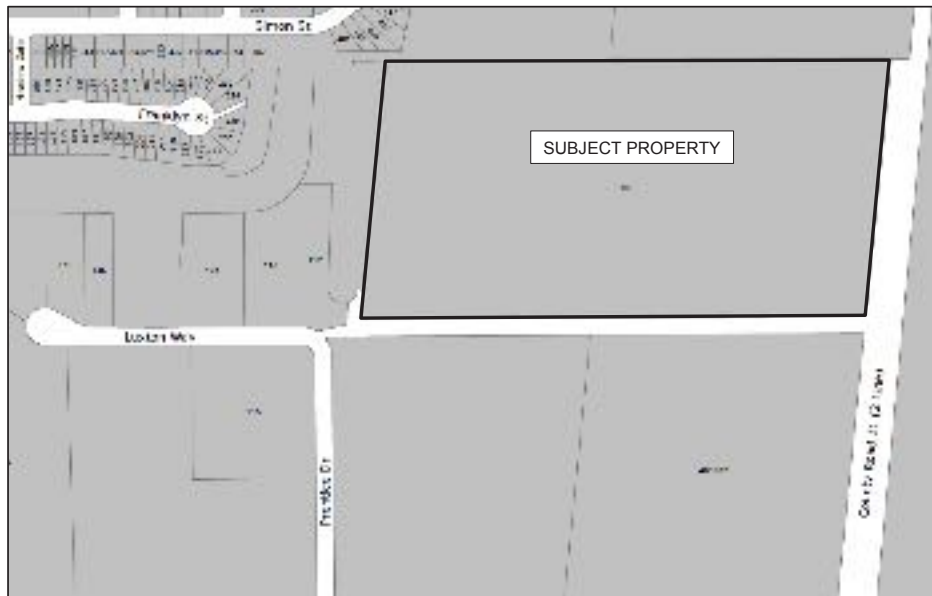
The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning applications:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

1) **Application for Minor Variance A23/01** – Schorn Consultants Inc., on behalf of KTH Shelburne Manufacturing Inc., has submitted a Minor Variance application for the property located at 300 Second Line, to request relief from Zoning By-law 38-2007 for a proposed expansion to the existing industrial manufacturing plant. The application is seeking relief from the minimum rear yard and minimum parking space requirements of the Zoning By-law. The proposed expansion is also the subject of a related application for Site Plan Approval (File No. SPA 23/04). The Site Plan provides the details of the proposed development and the application includes a Noise & Vibration Assessment Report which concludes that the facility will not produce any adverse impacts with respect to noise or vibration at any of the nearby sensitive land uses (residential dwellings and existing elementary school) and will maintain compliance with the applicable sound level limits.

A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email planning@shelburne.ca or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca.



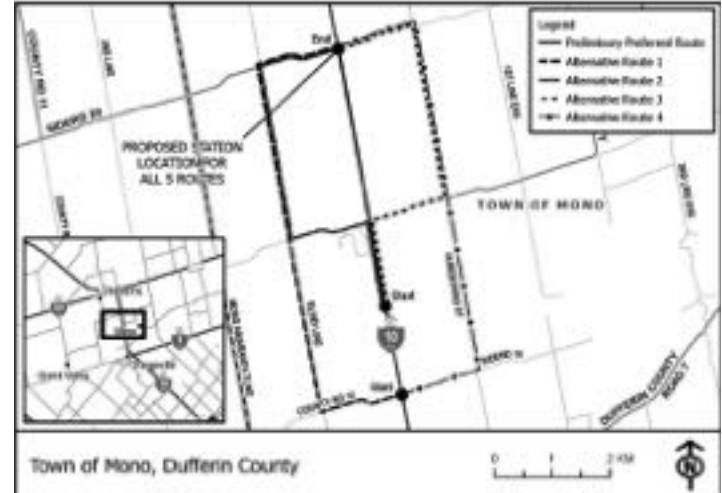
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**Enbridge Gas Inc. Dundalk Reinforcement Project:
Notice of Commencement and Public Information Sessions**

Project Overview

In order to reinforce the natural gas supply in Dufferin County to accommodate growth in the area, Enbridge Gas is proposing the Dundalk Reinforcement Project in the Town of Mono. The project involves the construction of an 8-inch Extra-High-Pressure (XHP) steel natural gas pipeline within a road right of way that will reinforce existing natural gas infrastructure (see map below for proposed Preliminary Preferred Route and Route Alternatives). Construction is proposed to commence in the Summer of 2024.



Environmental Report

AECOM has been retained by Enbridge Gas to undertake a study to assess potential environmental and socio-economic impacts that may result from this project. Plans will then be developed to avoid and/or mitigate potential impacts, where possible. An environmental report will be developed to accompany the Leave-to-Construct application that is anticipated to be filed with the Ontario Energy Board in the Fall of 2023.

Public Information Sessions	
Virtual Public Information Session #1	Date: Materials will be available to view between June 19 to July 3, 2023. Website: planengage.com/dundalkreinforcementproject
In-person Public Information Session	Date: June 29, 2023 Time: 5:00 – 8:00 pm Location: Mono Community Centre, Lower South Room (754483 Mono Centre Road, Mono, ON L9W 5W9)
Virtual Public Information Session #2	Date: Materials will be available to view between July 31 to August 14, 2023. Website: planengage.com/dundalkreinforcementproject

Get Involved

We want to hear from you. Visit our virtual public information session website or come to our in-person event to learn more about the project and provide feedback on the project and proposed routes. Your feedback will be considered in the final selection of a route and integrated into the environmental report. Please feel free to provide your comments either through the project website, in person at the in-person event or by email.

For questions or to provide comments, please contact:

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