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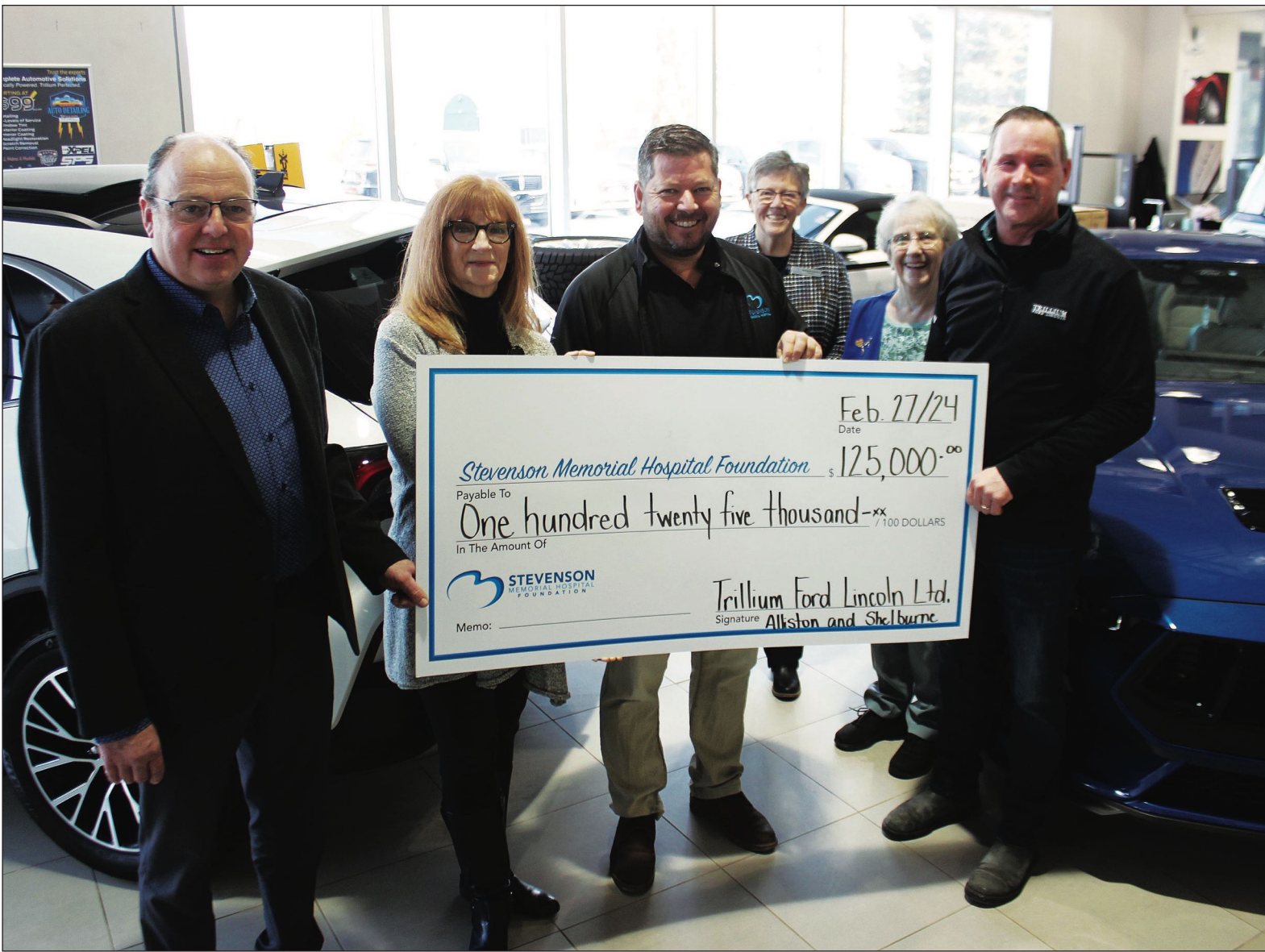


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Calls to bylaw department on the rise in Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Town Council has received an update regarding the number of bylaw and parking enforcement offences that were issued in 2023.

During their meeting on Feb. 26, Shelburne Council was presented with the updated enforcement statistics from the Town's director of legislative services, Jennifer Willoughby.

"As the Town of Shelburne continues to grow, calls for services have significantly increased," Willoughby told Council.

According to the report, the Town of Shelburne received over 400 calls for bylaw enforcement service last year, with the most common calls for service related to clean yards, parking enforcement, noise and animal control.

Of the enforcement calls received by the Town of Shelburne the majority were related to clean yards with 40 per cent or 161 occurrences of which 142 were proactively enforced, 13 per cent or 50 occur-

rences were animal control based, and 9 per cent or 37 occurrences were noise related.

The Town also saw 197 non-compliance notices issued, 66 false alarm calls and laid a total of 29 charges.

The report detailed that in 2023 the Town of Shelburne issued a total of 2,189 parking tickets: 361 for general parking violations and 1,798 for winter parking.

The Town says it is planning to begin enforcement campaigns for 2024 once winter parking has ended on April 15, with projects specifically related to accessible parking pots within the downtown cores as well as heavy truck traffic.

In 2023, Shelburne increased the fines related to parking offences from \$10 to \$40, which was approved by the Ministry of Attorney General (MAG) in June of 2023.

"The increased fine of \$40 has proven to be a deterrent as the number of parking violations has decreased," said Willoughby.

Currently, the Town of Shelburne utilizes the Provincial Offences Act (POA) for

prosecuting parking violations.

Willoughby told councillors that they had recently received the challenged parking tickets from 2022 through the POA, meaning parking violations are taking nearly two years to be processed.

The report noted that Shelburne staff are further investigating an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) to speed up the process for parking offences. If implemented, there is the potential to expand the program to include non-parking-related bylaw offences in the future.

"There's definitely a lengthy implementation towards it, but our goal is to be there by the end of this year," said Willoughby. "Once implemented that will allow any tickets post-implementation to be managed within the Town and will avoid the provincial offences process."

The Town of Shelburne's bylaw and parking enforcement services are staffed by three officers consisting of one full-time officer who works 35 hours a 35-hour week, and two part-time officers who work a combined 40-hour work week.

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Shelburne changing fees for dog tag licensing to simplify process

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

The Town of Shelburne will be changing the fees for their dog tag licensing program following complications with the existing cost system and new service provider, DocuPet.

During their meeting on Feb. 26, Shelburne Council received a report from the Town's director of legislative services, Jennifer Willoughby, regarding amendments to the Town's dog licensing fee.

The report suggested simplifying Shelburne's approach to licensing by offering two flat rates, one for spayed or neutered dogs and another for non-spayed or neutered dogs, instead of the Town's existing four-tier fee system.

"DocuPet has indicated they are unable to accommodate the current four tier fee schedule as shown in the report. The challenge they are facing is the ability to write and create software to accommodate the complex fee structure," explained Willoughby.

The new fees for dog tags would be a

flat rate of \$25 for "altered" pets, meaning spayed or neutered, and \$35 for "unaltered".

The Town of Shelburne has previously used a four-tiered fee method for the tagging program, which saw residents with spayed and neutered dogs, charged \$21 for their first dog, \$31 for their second dog, \$81 for a third dog and \$101 for a fourth.

For dogs not spayed or neutered, also referred to as 'unaltered', residents were charged an additional \$10 at each tier level.

"[DocuPet] also advises that this type of fee structure disincentivizes residents to license more than one pet, they are more likely to create duplicate accounts to skirt the increased fee," said Willoughby.

Tagging fees for some municipalities in the surrounding area include; \$40 and \$60 in Grand Valley; \$20 and \$30 in Amaranth; \$20 and \$30 in Mulmur; \$23 and \$35 in Alliston; and a flat rate of \$35 in Orangeville.

According to the report, last year the Town of Shelburne issued approximately 811 tags, with pet licensing as high as 58 per cent.

Coun. Walter Benotto questioned how

the introduction of the new flat fees for licensing dogs will encourage residents to register multiple dogs.

"The canvassing we're prepared to do will identify any residents that do have more than one dog. Within the animal control bylaw, currently there is a fine for not licensing your dog properly, so they would be issued that fine should it be determined they have unlicensed pets in their home," said Willoughby.

Coun. Lindsay Wegener inquired about utilizing some of the revenue collected through the licensing program for dog-related items such as maintaining the dog park and bringing upgraded features.

Denyse Morrissey, chief administrative officer, noted that the revenue made through the dog licensing program is used to support the costs associated with returning a dog to its family, including staffing resources and Humane Society services.

"There is a significant cost for us to help support dogs and it is unfortunately fairly frequent; where dogs have become loose from their home and that dog tag has been the primary and exclusive reason that we



are able to reunite them with their family," said Morrissey.

According to the report, roughly 60 per cent of the pet licensing revenue is from altered pets, which would generate approximately \$13,485 in revenue, while the remaining 40 per cent for an unaltered pet is around \$12,586.

The total estimated amount of revenue to be generated by the increased flat fees is \$26,071. The Town of Shelburne's 2024 budget's projected dog tag fee revenue is around \$25,000.

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STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING: Proposed Official Plan Amendment & Plan of Subdivision Applications

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2024 AT 7:15 PM

This Statutory Public Meeting is to consider a (Residential) Draft Plan of Subdivision (349 units), file SUB 2023-01 and a Zoning Bylaw Amendment, file ZBA 2023-02, proposed by Line 2 Developments Inc. (Roxborough) at 753072 2nd Line, Mono.

PURPOSE & EFFECT of both proposed Files (Applications) is to rezone a 41.31 hectares (102.07 acre) property abutting the west side of 2nd Line, approximately half of a kilometre north of Hwy 9, described as East Part Lot 2, Concession 2 and known municipally as: **753072 - 2nd Line (Subject Property)**. ZBA 2023-02 proposes to amend Section 7 of the Town's Zoning Bylaw (78-1) to add site specific provisions, that would permit a range of low density housing and townhouse unit types as illustrated on the associated (Residential) Draft Plan of Subdivision on the Subject Property for development by the Owner: Line 2 Developments Inc.

Subject Property: is designated Greenbelt Hamlet (Town of Mono Official Plan) and presently zoned Rural (A) Zone (Town Zoning Bylaw 78-1). Proposed File **SUB 2023-01** & proposed File **ZBA 2023-02** (Applications) would be required to be approved to develop Subject Property for the proposed **349 housing units**.

Pursuant to Sections 34 (12) & 51 (20) - Ontario Planning Act, R.S.O. as amended, a Statutory Public Meeting at Council is required and scheduled as noted **Below**.

Statutory PUBLIC MEETING at Council Will Be Held On

Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 at 7:15 P.M.

Council Chambers at Town Hall / Municipal Office and Virtually with the Access Information Included in this Notice
347209 Mono Centre Road

Statutory Public Notice: This Notice provides interested citizens and stakeholders with an opportunity to attend this In-Person Meeting, or alternatively via On-Line Virtual Access, concerning the proposed Applications, that if approved, would permit a (Residential) Draft Plan of Subdivision to develop the proposed 349 dwelling units.

On-Line Virtual Access: If you choose to attend by Virtual On-Line Access, you **MUST** join **prior to the start of the Public Meeting**. For security precautions, anyone who attempts to join after the Public Meeting has commenced may not be granted access. Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission during the Public Meeting may do so by navigating to: app.gotomeeting.com (Chrome browser) and entering Access Code: **225-412-605**. Password: **stacm326**. You can also phone into the meeting by dialing 1 (647) 497-9373 and entering the access code when prompted.

Proposed Development Program: File **SUB 2023-01** proposes development of (Residential) Draft Plan of Subdivision. File **ZBA 2023-02** proposes to amend Zoning Bylaw 78-1 to implement the (Residential) Draft Plan of Subdivision that would permit **349 dwelling units** with a mix of low density single detached houses with various frontage widths, street townhouse units in addition to a wastewater treatment block, potable water treatment block, park block, buffer block, open space block, NHS block, & SWM block. The associated Zoning Bylaw amendment would have the effect of amending Zoning Bylaw 78-1 from Rural (A) Zone and Environmental Protection (EP) Zone to site-specific zone classifications that would permit the proposed arrangement of low-density houses and townhouses, as well as the ancillary uses as noted above uses.

Additional Information: Proposed Applications and related documents are available at the following link:
townofmono.com/apa/zba2023-02

Written Comments: Written comments, in support of or in opposition to both proposed applications, must be submitted to the Town Clerk (clerksoffice@townofmono.com) ideally by **March 18th, 2024** but prior to the date of the Public Meeting, regardless of whether you are able to attend the Public Meeting, In-Person or by On-Line Virtual Access. All Written Comments received will be considered by Council, prior to rendering a Decision.

Need More Information?: Contact Town of Mono at 347209 Mono Centre Road Mono, or by Email to the Town Planning Department at: planning@townofmono.com or Tel: 519 941 3599 Ext. 224 or visit the Town's website: www.townofmono.com.

If You Wish to be Notified: If Town Council renders a Decision respecting File SUB 2023-01 and File ZBA 2023-02 (Applications) and you wish to be notified of their Decision, you must make written request to the Town Clerk: (clerksoffice@townofmono.com).

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Dated: **March 01st, 2024**



'I've always had a really strong drive to make a difference': Norah Kennedy to retire as executive director at Family Transition Place

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When Family Transition Place is brought up in conversation, the name of their executive director, Norah Kennedy, doesn't typically fall far behind. The two have been tightly intertwined for nearly two decades.

But soon the local women and children's shelter will find themselves in the hands of a new leader, as Kennedy lays out her plans to retire by the end of the year.

The Board of Directors for Family Transition Place announced in a press release at the end of last month that Kennedy would be retiring from the position but would be staying on for the remainder of the year to help through the transition period.

"If I'm being honest, it feels surreal and more than a little overwhelming. I've received so many lovely, kind words from people," Kennedy told the Free Press after announcing her plans to retire.

Kennedy has served as Family Transition Place's executive director for 17 years, having joined the shelter and the violence against women (VAW) sector in 2007.

Reflecting on joining Family Transition Place, Kennedy describes it as a full circle moment.

Originally from Dufferin County, Kennedy grew up in Mulmur Township and attended high school at Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne. Like many youths from rural communities, Kennedy left the area to pursue various career paths after graduating from high school. First a professional actor for 10 years, Kennedy later became a language interpreter with the Canadian Hearing Society in Kitchener/Waterloo from 1993 to 2007. In 2007, Kennedy left the Canadian Hearing Society to become executive director of FTP.

"I took the job at Family Transition Place,

which brought me back home to Dufferin County. We moved back onto the very same property that I grew up on," said Kennedy. "I have pretty deep roots in this community."

Speaking about why she chose to join the violence against women sector and Family Transition Place, Kennedy explained,

"I've always had a really strong drive to make a difference, to do something that I feel is important, and at that point, I'd been working in the not-for-profit sector for about 15 years," explained Kennedy. "When the job at FTP came about, I recognized an opportunity for me to take the skills that I had learned and bring them into a sector that I really believed in and believed in the work."

Spending such a significant amount of time with a single organization, Kennedy has been a front-seat witness to the changing landscape of gender-based violence services within Dufferin County.

Ever the beacon of leadership, Kennedy tends to skirt past discussing her own accomplishments with the local shelter, rather she eases the conversation to focus on her team that works day-to-day with clients.

"One of my biggest sources of pride is the people that I work with, who are just so good at what they do and who make my work life so rich; honestly, it will be the hardest thing for me to leave," said Kennedy.

At the forefront of Family Transition Place for 17 years, Kennedy has guided the shelter through its highest of highs, in contrast, as a result of the nature of working in gender-based violence, she has also seen them through the toughest of experiences.

Kennedy has been on hand as the shelter faced the death of clients, cases of femicide and gender-based violence, and navigating the difficult landscape of aiding clients in need during a global pandemic.



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"You can't work in our sector without experiencing some of those very profound pieces; we've had tragedies. As a leader of an organization, I may not work as closely with the women or clients that my frontline staff do, but there is a sense of overarching responsibility," said Kennedy. "When something goes wrong on your watch, as the leader of the organization, it rests heavily on your shoulders for sure."

Making the decision to step back from Family Transition Place was not a quick or easy process for Kennedy after being at the helm for so many years. But, she admits now feels like the time for the "natural conclusion" of her career.

"It really took a while to come to the decision of when the right time was going to be. The time comes, I think when every leader

realizes that it's time for somebody who is younger and fresher, to come in and take the organization to its next level. The job of running an organization like FTP is pretty all-consuming and I absolutely love my job, but I also want to make sure that I'm leaving at a point where I am still quite honestly on top of my game."

The Board of Directors for Family Transition Place has started the early process of hiring a new executive director to fill Kennedy's shoes in the upcoming months.

"I'm grateful that I've had the privilege of working for such an organization in the community. It's my home, it's where my heart is, and I mean that for both FTP and Dufferin County. I'm very proud for the opportunity to serve it," said Kennedy in her final message for the community.

Dufferin County calls on property owners to help fight Oak Wilt

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Dufferin is calling on residents to help maintain the health of local forests by assisting in preventing the spread of an exotic invasive disease that kills oak trees.

The County of Dufferin issued a press release on Friday (March 1) asking residents to help prevent the spread of an invasive tree disease called Oak Wilt by refraining from cutting, pruning or damaging oak trees in the Dufferin County Forest from April 1 to July 31.

Oak Wilt, is an exotic invasive disease that kills all species of oak, preferring those in the Red Oak group.

The County said it is inevitable for the

disease to spread as it is already present in Ontario's communities.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the leading agency dealing with exotic invasive species, has confirmed three cases of Oak Wilt in Ontario as of summer 2023: Niagara Falls, Springwater Township, and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The County said Oak Wilt spreads mostly through three means, including direct human activity such as firewood or wood movement, sap beetles, and root grafts.

The Dufferin County Forest is a 1,066-hectare (2,626-acre) multi-tract forested area owned and managed by the County. It serves important functions in terms of erosion and water control, natural heritage protection, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and support of the rural econ-

omy through timber production and employment opportunities.

The Red Oak represented a significant component of several stands of the Dufferin County Forest portfolio, particularly in the Main Tract. Many of these stands are also part of the Oak Ridges South Slope Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, which is rec-

ognized in part for its oak component.

A stand is considered a contagious area where there are trees that are relatively homogenous or share similar characteristics.

The Dufferin County Forest celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2005, and as part of the celebration, Red Oak was declared the official tree of Dufferin County.

Shelburne Library shares news

Thank you to our entire community for your efforts in making our Shelburne Seed Library a smashing success! We opened Seedy Saturday with over 1000 packages of seeds thanks to your generosity!

Get your tickets to our March Break shows before they're gone! These programs are geared toward school-aged children, and always promise lots of fun. This year we have:

• **Birds of Prey @ YOUR Library on Tuesday, March 12th @ 2pm**—This event is sold out!


• **Fireside Munsch @ Grace Tipling Hall on Wednesday, March 13th @ 2pm**—This is a high-energy show fea-

turing four of Robert Munsch's classic stories performed as one wacky storytelling play!

• **Bumbling Bert @ Grace Tipling Hall on Thursday, March 14th @ 2pm**—Supremely comical, silly, and ultimately entertaining, Bumbling Bert's show always features dazzling magic and loads of audience participation.

Tickets are still available for Fireside Munsch and Bumbling Bert for a cost of \$4 each. Adults and children alike must have tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the Library during open hours with cash.



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In our increasingly cashless society, financial wealth is something that is becoming less tangible every day.

Quite often when going into a store, the clerk no longer even asks how you would like to pay. They simply hit the debit or credit button on the cash register, assuming you will be paying with either a debit or credit card.

There's a lot of good in this way of paying for things. You can keep your card in your wallet and pay as you go. It eliminates the need to go to the bank for cash, and it eliminates driving to the local office of the utility companies to pay your bills.

But in our nearly cashless society, what is your money really now worth?

The concept of paper money started

because carrying around coins or pieces of silver or gold just wasn't practical, and you may not have a chicken handy to trade for that piece of lumber you need.

Paper money was issued as a way of representing a tangible commodity - notably gold. The government issued a dollar bill, which represented gold stashed in a vault somewhere, that backed up the value of the note.

But where is the Canadian gold that backs the paper money you carry in your wallet and the numbers that fill your bank account? In the mid 60s, Canada had a gold reserve of around 1,000 tons.

The government started selling that gold, and currently, the country has zero gold reserves.

In comparison, Germany currently has 3,352 tons, Switzerland - 1,040 tons, U.S. - 8,133, UK - 310 tons of gold reserves.

So what does that \$50 bill in your wallet or the numbers you read on screen at the instant teller really represent?

Fiat currency is money which is not backed by a commodity, and that is what we now have. It is backed solely by the government that issued it.

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And where is that cash? If you have a bank account with \$50,000 in it, and you decide to withdraw \$10,000 to pay cash for something, your bank won't have it to give you when you present a withdrawal slip.

They will get it for you, but the bank will have to request the cash be shipped to them and likely ask you to come back another day to get your money.

If you finally decide to buy that new car you have been saving up for and arrive at the dealership with a suitcase full of money, most likely they will not accept cash as payment. The dealership will assume that much cash is the proceeds of some kind of crime or a money laundering scheme and they won't want to be involved with it.

However, if you take out your debit card, you just got yourself a new car.

Most of the wealth you have in terms of money, is now nothing more than numbers on a computer screen.

You probably get paid electronically, pay your bills online, pay for vacations by credit card, and buy your groceries with a debit card.

All those transactions simply move numbers around in your bank account.

If you own a home, you can see your wealth. It's there and it's real. That's why it's called real estate.

If you own gold or silver bullion, it is a real commodity.

Your car or truck is a tangible symbol of wealth. Even though it is a depreciating asset, it is real, and there is probably someone willing to buy it or trade you something valuable for it.

However, with current electronic banking, if the power goes out, your wealth no longer exists as long as there is an interruption in the power supply.

In a worst-case scenario, the power is out and doesn't come back on. You will be broke with no way to pay for anything you need and your wealth will no longer exist.

Our power grid may be a reliable system, but with the world in an increasingly volatile state, who knows what could happen in the future?

It may be practical to keep a few chickens in your backyard.

Red tape to blame for economic paralysis

The federal government turned on the spending tap last week in Thunder Bay, ON, as part of its Housing Accelerator Fund, a \$4-billion initiative to fast-track the construction of new affordable housing.

It's part of Ottawa's action plan to deal with the housing crisis that's hit most of Canada's big cities.

Record-high immigration to Canada is one of the major factors that has led to the current housing shortage. But it's not the only reason for the lack of housing.

One of the biggest culprits is red tape, which has grown like algae over the past several decades and is choking off new economic activity across a wide range of sectors. In terms of the housing industry, excessive red tape has led to restrictive zoning by-laws, an overly complex approval process, and municipal foot-dragging when it comes to green-lighting projects.

An Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force report, published two years ago, blamed "needless bureaucracy" for contributing to the housing shortage.

But have we made any real progress in cutting red tape? It sure doesn't look that way to most small business owners I talk to, regardless of which industry they operate in.

I've been waiting nearly three years now for a permit to open a little business selling organic vegetables grown at my farm. It's mind boggling that I still have not been able to open its doors and start selling organic vegetables to local residents.

Municipal governments, in particular, have made life exceedingly difficult for many small business owners through the need to obtain countless permits and pass inspections.

When it comes to small business, governments at all levels have actively obstructed and stifled business growth. They've gone from laying the ground rules for businesses to smothering businesses with a blanket of red tape and regulations.

I believe we're at a crossroads. If we don't start thinning out the regulations paralyzing economic activity, we're going to do irreversible damage to Canada's small businesses.

We need to establish a task force comprised mainly of small business owners from a wide variety of sectors together with some industry experts. The task force should be charged with creating a blueprint for the elimination of thousands of needless regulations. Every regulation on the books would be

on the chopping block with the exception of those relating to workplace safety and the protection of our environment.

But the task force should only be convened on one condition - that its recommendations must be enacted into law.

Our small business sector does most of the heavy lifting when it comes to creating jobs and contributing to our economy, but they routinely get shoved to the back of the line by wealthier, more influential special interest lobbies like big business when it comes to government policies and regulations.

That's why it's crucial that small businesses band together as part of a grassroots movement to bring about change.

One way to do that is to join the "Regenerate Canada" movement, a non-political organization created by

small business owners and entrepreneurs to give small business a voice and to help them fight for a level playing field when it comes to government regulations.

Canada's small businesses are facing record-high levels of bankruptcy and closure. Those numbers will continue climbing if we don't act.

Small businesses need to fight back. We're at the point where this is no longer a fight to cut costs and reduce red tape - for a growing number of small businesses, it's become a fight for survival.

To learn more about how we can "Regenerate Canada", email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

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Our Readers Write
NDACT and the Strada Quarry Proposal
Dear Editor,
This letter is written to you with respect to the Strada Quarry and the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce. I have been watching what's going on and can truly say that I am amazed at how NDACT is still trying to protect our water wells. I have never heard of an activist group communicating with an aggregate company in a positive way. We all lived through the Mega Quarry battle and are aware of how water flows. Without an application filed yet by Strada, our community activists are preparing and communicating to the residents effectively. Nice full-page ad in your paper! Kudos to NDACT!
Gail Prussky Primrose/Mono

THE BIENNIAL RETURN OF ARGUING ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. YOU CAN SET YOUR CLOCK BY IT.
Cartoon illustration of an alarm clock with a face, holding a smartphone. Signed LaMontagneArt.com



Dufferin OPP search warrant results in multiple charges and drug seizure

Dufferin OPP officers seized drugs and charged two individuals as a result of an ongoing drug trafficking investigation in Shelburne.

Members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), along with Dufferin uniform members and Offender Management and Apprehension Program (OMAP) executed a search warrant at a home on Third Line in Melancthon on March

1 (Friday). The search warrant resulted in the arrest of two individuals who are facing multiple charges.

In addition, the officers seized 93 grams of cocaine, Dilaudid pills, \$2,855 Canadian cash, 22 Calibre ammunition, 12 Gauge shot gun shells, airsoft guns and two cellphones.

Brayden LAVIEILLE, 28-year-old from Dundalk has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for

the purpose of Trafficking - Opioid
Joshua RETES, 19-year-old of no fixed address

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Opioid
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of proceeds of property

obtained by crime - under \$5000
None of these charges have been proven in court.

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

Impaired driving charges laid against four people over weekend

Dufferin OPP charged four drivers with impaired operation related offences over the weekend.

Three drivers were charged on Saturday, March 2 and one driver was charged on March 3.

Officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot-check on Buena Vista Drive in Mono on March 2, just before 1:30 a.m. A driver entered the area and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Michael KOSZIWKA, a 35-year-old male, from Erin has been charged with:

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

Officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. spot-check on Tideman Drive in Orangeville on March 2, just after 8:30 p.m. A driver entered the area and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Christopher OSTERBERG, a 48-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

Dufferin OPP officers conducted a traffic stop on County Road 109, in Amaranth on March 2, just after 11:00 p.m., officers. Officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Quinton KEATS, a 47-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

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

On March 3, just after 1:30 a.m., officers from the Dufferin OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision in the area of Mono-Amaranth Townline and Hughson Street in Amaranth. Officers attended the scene and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Massimo DICECCO, a 29-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded. None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

"Dufferin OPP continues to conduct traffic enforcement daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs and who drive at excessive speeds continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads. We are committed to the safety of our community," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release. "The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgments. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure, or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you."

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.



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IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES: Three Orangeville residents and one Erin resident received impaired driving charges on March 2 and 3.

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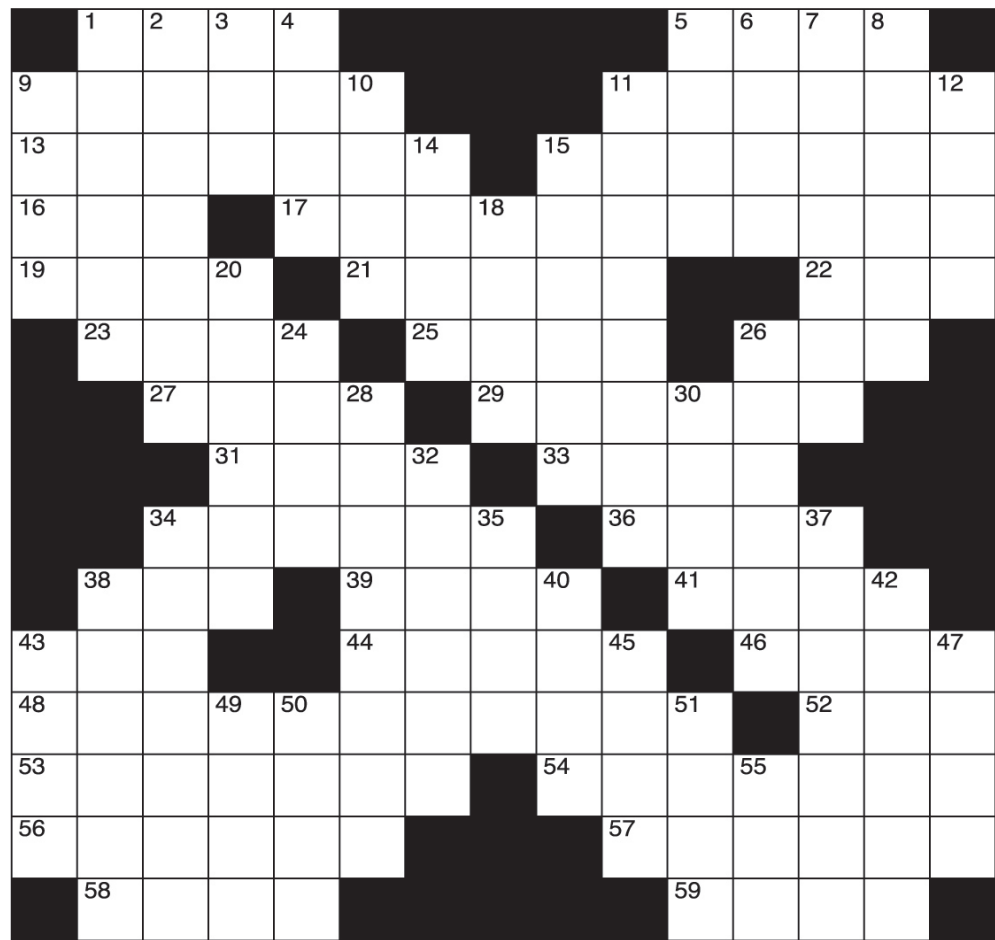
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SHELBURNE SPORTS



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CHAMPIONS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girl's hockey team are District 4 champions after winning the final game 4-2 over the Wellington Heights Secondary School Wolverines at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Team members, in back from left, Bryn Rutledge, Lexi Calder, Ashley Robertson, Ella Taylor, Brooke Cunnington, Peyton Rutledge, Portia Thompson, Piper Coyle, Bella Horner, Holly Peeling, and coach Niall Caravello, along with front row from left, Erik Zeidler, Lauren Smith, Abby Abbott, Abby Holliday, Addi Horner, coach Michelle McFadden, and Gaby Daly, celebrate the win.

CDDHS girl's hockey team wins District 4 championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girl's hockey team is District 4 champions after a 4-2 win in the final game against the Wellington Heights Secondary School Wolverines at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The Royals had a stellar year finishing the regular season in first place with a 9-3 record.

Going into the playoffs, they eliminated Westside Secondary School in the semi-final on Feb. 21.

A good-sized crowd of parents, grandparents, and fellow students turned out at the arena to cheer the team on for the final game.

The Royals took an early lead in Wednesday's game with two goals in the first period.

Wellington Heights responded with two goals in the second period to make it a tie game with one period remaining.

The teams returned for the third period with both squads playing hard and trying to get the go-ahead goal for the win.

Neither team could score, and after an overtime period that didn't produce a win-



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

WORKING OVERTIME: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girl's hockey team takes on the Wellington Heights Secondary School Wolverines during the District 4 championship game at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The Royals won the championship with a 4-2 win when the game was decided on a shoot-out.

ner, it came down to a shoot-out.

The Wolverines failed to score in the shoot-out, while the Royals were successful on both attempts for the win.

"We started getting penalties in the game, but we decided to flip it over," said Royal's player Lauren Smith after the game. "In overtime, the pressure was on and in the end we came out on top. In the third period we were trying to get one in the net and make it 3-2. Unfortunately we couldn't

bury it in the net and it went to overtime. It was a good season. We kind of had a target on our backs because we were one of the top teams, but I'm glad we finished number one overall."

As District champions, the Royals will now go to compete at the regional level at CWOSSA in the A/AA division.

CWOSSA girl's competition was underway in Simcoe on March 4-5.

Results were not available at press time.

PJHL quarter-final playoffs underway across the province

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Provincial Junior Hockey League has started quarter-final playoff competition as divisions around the province start battling for championships.

Division winners will go on to play for the Conference title, with Conference winners then going on to vie for the provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup.

There is a total of 61 teams in the league, making it the world's largest Junior level league.

Locally, eight teams from the North Carruthers division have completed some quarter-final games with the first series due to wrap up on March 11, if some series go the full seven games. The quarter-final series has a best-of-seven format.

The division has nine teams with the bottom seed, the Midland Flyers, eliminated and not getting a playoff berth.

In their quarter-final, the first-place Alliston Hornets are ahead 3-0 over the eighth-place Innisfil Spartans.

Alliston won both home games to start the series, then won 11-3 on Innisfil home ice on March 3.

The second-place Stayner Siskins leads the Caledon Golden Hawks 2-0 in their series. Stayner took an early lead with a 4-3 overtime win in game one on February 29, then followed up with a 4-2 win in game two on March 3.

The third-place Orillia Terriers, are leading 3-0 in their quarter-final against the Huntsville Otters.

The Terriers won game three of the series 3-1 on home ice in Orillia on March 2.

In a series that could go the distance, the fourth-place Schomberg Cougars are leading fifth-place Penetang Kings 3-0 after Schomberg won game three with a 5-0 shutout on home ice at the Trisan Centre on March 2.

If needed, the final games will take place this weekend.

The four remaining teams will then compete in the best-of-seven semi-final round with the winners moving on to the division championship series.

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OBITUARIES

ALLAN PHILLIPS

Allan Phillips passed peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care with his family by his side.



Born on July 7, 1935, to William and Irena Phillips, Allan was raised in East Luther Township on the Phillips family farm until he and his wife Pat married and moved to Shelburne. There they raised three children, Eric, Shari and Trudie (Mike).

He is predeceased by his brothers Doug, Gerald, Grant and sister Gayle and is survived by his brother Herb.

Allan's early years were spent driving a delivery truck for Canada Packers until he was hired on with the Township of Amaranth in 1965 where he continued to serve 31 years until his retirement. He served on the Shelburne town Council for 2 terms and was also a member of the Shelburne Kinsmen Club and K-40's.

Allan's idea was to RE-Tread, not re-tire, which saw he and Pat moving to the Century Homestead to further engage in the love of outdoors, farming, gardening, tinkering and fixing.

Allan loved family get togethers, playing cards, music and dancing. He and Pat enjoyed many years of traveling and camping with their young family and this trend continued at every opportunity to further connect with friends, attending music festivals or just a quiet few days away enjoying the outdoors. He will be forever in our hearts.

We would like to thank the staff at Dufferin Oaks on the 2nd floor Mulmur Mono Wing for their care and support to Allan and family.

A celebration of Allan's life will take place at the Phillips Homestead on June 9, 2024. Details to follow.

Donations may be made in Allan's name to Alzheimer's Dufferin.

Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

OBITUARIES

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He will be missed by his wife Rhonda; children Scott (Rita), Kelly (Stephen); stepchildren Ryan, Scott; grandchildren Alessia, Savannah, Emma, and Ava as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

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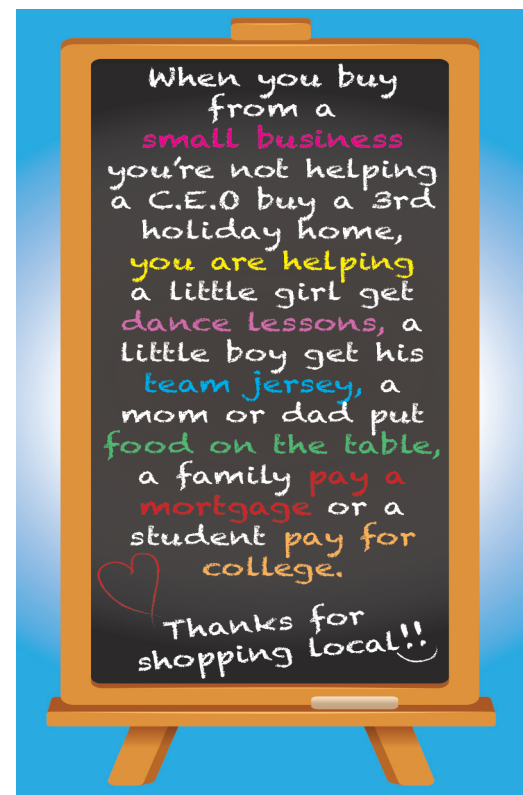
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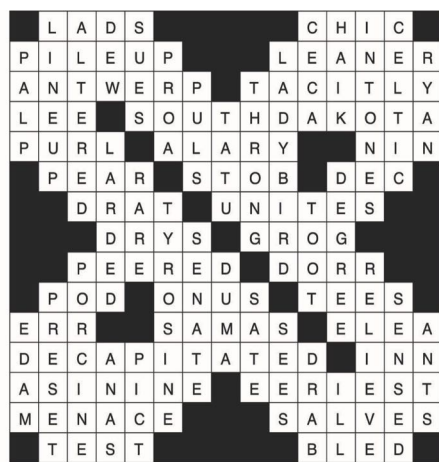


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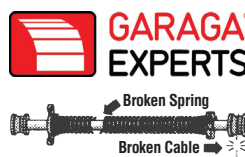
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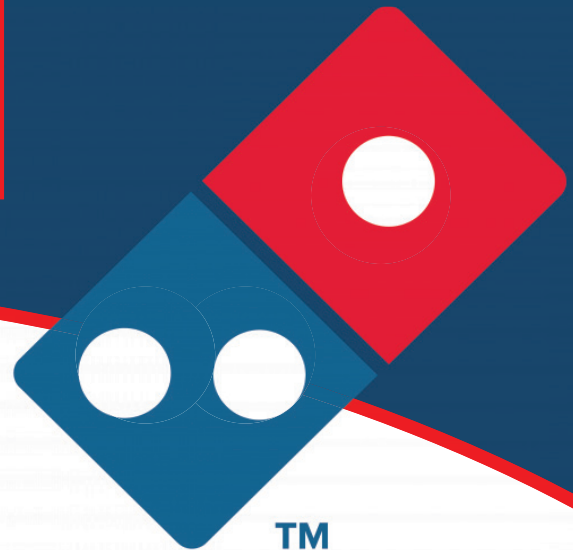


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