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Headwaters announces five-year Strategic Plan

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

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has unveiled its new plan to develop the hospital's operations over the next five years.

The local hospital announced the launch of its official 2024-2029 Strategic Plan in a press release on Monday (April 8). The new five-year plan will act as a roadmap for developing the hospital with an aim at addressing the evolving health care needs of the growing community.

"The strategic plan epitomizes our unwavering dedication to the people we serve and to everyone who works and volunteers at our hospital," said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters Hospital. "It reflects our shared values and our commitment to delivering excellent care that makes a meaningful difference in people's lives."

Headwaters began the process of developing the five-year strategic plan in July of 2023, and over the months received input from nearly 3,000 individuals including staff, physicians, volunteers, patients, families and community members.

"I really believe that it reflects our shared

commitment," said Delahunt about the official plan.

The plan outlines four key strategic directions that will guide advancements in the hospital's operations over the next five years. The four key strategies are:

- Empower Our People
- Deliver Patient Centred Quality Care
- Get Even Better
- Connect Through Partnerships.

"We are proud to endorse our hospital's new strategic plan, which reflects our commitment to excellence in healthcare delivery. This plan charts a bold course forward. With commitment of the staff, physicians and the support of our community, we are confident that this plan will position Headwaters for continued success in providing excellent care to all those we serve," said Dr. Hugh O'Brodovich, chair of Headwater's Board of Directors.

Empower Our People

Through the 'Empower Our People' strategy, the hospital will be looking to attract, retain and recognize existing staff members and teams. The strategy also looks to provide staff and teams with resources and tools to

help deliver quality care.

One specific project the hospital will be implementing for the 'Empower Our People' strategy will be the addition of four awards, which will be handed out during their annual general meeting in June. The new awards will consist of a quality improvement award for a team or individual, a position-specific award, a Rising Leader Award, and a Rising Hero Award.

"We're really trying to support that recognition and provide more opportunities for staff to be recognized," said Delahunt.

Get Even Better

A continuation of the previous Strategic Plan, the "Get Even Better" strategy is focused on expansion opportunities for the hospital to support the needs of the growing community.

A project for this strategy, expected to launch later this year, will be the unveiling of the hospital's new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine. Another project will be the completed renovation of their new dialysis unit.

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Painted crosswalk program to be discontinued in Shelburne

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

The Town of Shelburne will be discontinuing its painted crosswalk project following deterioration and increasing financial factors.

During their meeting on Monday (April 8), Shelburne Town Council received a report from Denyse Morrissey, chief administrative officer (CAO), regarding the termination of the pilot project.

“We have realized and learned through the last year and a half that what we’re encountering with respect to weather is very difficult to overcome. What we don’t want to do is create a repetitive need to repaint these,” said Morrissey. “As well-intentioned as the program was, we don’t feel it’s strategic any longer to continue with it.”

The painted crosswalk program was launched in Shelburne in 2022 and inspired by similar installations in other towns and cities. The goal of the pilot crosswalk program was to celebrate the diversity, equity and inclusion of the community, and act as an educational opportunity.

The first painted crosswalk in Shelburne was installed for Every Child Matters and Orange Shirt Day in the fall of 2022 at the intersection of William Street and Main Street, and relocated in 2023 to the intersection of Main Street and James Street, due to construction.

In 2023, the Town of Shelburne unveiled two additional painted crosswalks; a Pride

Month crosswalk, located at the intersection of Main Street and Victoria Street; and a ‘Lest We Forget’ crosswalk in honour of Remembrance Day, located at William Street and First Avenue.

The program was initially slated to be developed over the next five to 10 years to include potentially up to 10 painted crosswalks with various themes through the Town of Shelburne.

One of the biggest factors for discontinuing the program is the deterioration of the paint on the crosswalk as a result of weather conditions and high traffic volume. The first painted crosswalk, Every Child Matters, was originally installed in 2022 and was required to be repainted in 2023.

“While deterioration due to high traffic volume and winter road maintenance was expected, it was much more drastic than originally anticipated,” reads the report to council.

As a result of the deterioration of the painted designs, the Town of Shelburne was exploring the need to repaint the three existing crosswalks multiple times throughout the year.

According to the report, the cost of painting the crosswalk is around \$1,000 per location for paint, materials and staff time.

“The probably is not an effective use of not only our staff time but also the budget, and the deterioration is certainly not an aesthetic that we want,” added Morrissey. “It’s just not something we’re capable of keeping on top of.”



FILE PHOTO

PROJECT DISCONTINUED: Shelburne Council has voted to discontinue its painted crosswalk program as a result of deterioration and increasing financial barriers. Pictured here is Shelburne’s Pride Crosswalk when it was completed on May 31.

Morrissey noted that while the painted crosswalk project was intended to celebrate diversity in the community, the Town of Shelburne has undertaken other projects including flag raisings, proclamations, and information sharing to recognize the community’s diversity.

The cost of repainting the three existing locations was included and approved as part of the Town of Shelburne’s 2024 budget. With the discontinuation of the program, the town will not be undertaking the repainting of the existing crosswalks for 2024.

HFFA to host spring dinner to support local food industry

The Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance will be promoting local food providers and encouraging community engagement at its Spring Dinner event at Mrs. Mitchell’s restaurant

Written By **Joshua Drakes**

For those interested in organic, locally sourced food, the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance (HFFA) is holding a Spring Dinner event on April 18. Attendees will enjoy a good meal and learn about local agricultural initiatives.

Marci Lipman, co-chair of the HFFA, said that connecting farmers and consumers is their goal.

“We try to educate people about where their food comes from,” said Lipman. “We want to connect eaters with the farmers, the ones who produce their food so that people can understand where it comes from, who grows it, and how it’s grown.”

This spring dinner event is part of that initiative. The food served will be provided by local farmers at Mrs. Mitchell’s Restaurant, located at 887395 Mono-Mulmur Townline, Violet Hill.

Lipman said that anyone that’s looking to learn more about local agriculture, or simply wants a fresh, locally served meal, should come to the dinner.

“If you’ve never been to Mrs. Mitchell’s, it’s a very big treat, it’s a beautiful restaurant,” she said. “Come for a really delicious meal and in a beautiful venue and learn about local farming. It’s a very special evening.

“It’s a social event, so people come in and they see their friends, or they meet new people. And then we have a farmer, one or two who come and speak and tell us about what

they do on their farm,” Lipman added.

“They start a dialogue. And people can then ask the farmer, ‘how is this carrot grown?’ Or ‘how is this potato grown?’ Or ‘do you use fertilizers?’ Or ‘is this beef grass fed?’ Things like that.”

The dinner is one way the HFFA’s mission is carried out. Putting consumers in direct connections with farmers will encourage even more local dialogue or similar events. Lipman said that currently, a lot of locals don’t know about the farms and the products that can be sourced within a few minute’s drive from town.

“There are a couple of points of having local food that is accessible to people,” she said. “One of them is that it doesn’t travel. We have a very good farmers’ market in town. If

you go to the market in the spring, you can buy every kind of greens that’s grown maybe a couple of kilometers from your home. It doesn’t have to get in a truck and come from California and pollute the whole world with fossil fuels.”

Lipman added that it’s also beneficial for the local economy.

“You’re putting money in your neighbor’s pocket,” Lipman said. “And that farmer can go and buy their groceries in a local store or buy their feed for their chickens in a local store. So You’re creating a circular economy.”

Admission to the dinner is \$100 and seating is limited.

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Headwaters announces five-year Strategic Plan

Connect Through Partnerships

With the “Connect Through Partnerships” strategy, Headwaters will be concentrating on establishing more partnerships with local organizations that will help expand their support abilities of patients.

Next year, Headwaters Health Care Centre will be launching a new academic affilia-

tion that will go live during the second year of the strategic plan.

Deliver Patient Centred Quality Care

The hospital will be focusing on gathering more information from patients and their families to further support specific needs. To do this, the hospital will look to expand

the number of patient and family advisors with the goal of having one on each of their individual unit teams.

Delahunt said that the hospital has roughly 13 patient and family advisors and is looking to double the number within the next year.

“As a patient family advisor, I believe that

with this strategic plan, our hospital will continue to improve patient care and patient family experience by creating an environment where patients and families feel truly valued and heard,” said Pat Spencer.

The 2024-2029 Strategic Plan is available to view on the Headwaters Hospital website at www.headwatershealth.ca.

New art exhibit ‘Plantopia’ coming to Shelburne Town Hall Gallery

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As a new season blooms, Shelburne residents will have the opportunity to glimpse the ‘essence of plants’ with a new exhibit at the Shelburne Town Hall Gallery.

The exhibit, titled ‘Plantopia’, features a collection of 36 pieces from Mono-based artist, Jo Thomson. Described as ‘camera-less photographs’ of botanicals, the exhibit will be on display from April 8 to 26.

“Nature really inspires me and I’m trying to capture that so other people can appreciate it too,” said Thomson about the new art exhibit. “This is a really nice opportunity to have my work somewhere where more people might get to see. When you make something like this, you just want people to be able to enjoy it and experience it.”

Thomson grew up near the coast of Devon, England. After completing high school, she went on to study art and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in photography. In 2015, Thomson and her husband, Blair, along with their two children, moved from the UK to a 10-acre forested property in rural Mono.

Thomas began gathering and preserving a collection of foraged botanicals such as leaves, grass and dried flowers, as well as wild bird feathers that she discovered on her property, which would eventually become the subject matter for her traditional printing experimentation.

The result of the experimentation has been a collection of cyanotypes, blue-based images that are created using the sun’s UV rays, and photograms, black-and-white prints developed using a traditional darkroom.

While both art forms have existed for



more than 100 years and are based on traditional photographic printing methods, Thomson’s pieces of work involve no camera or negative.

“The technique produces a reproduction of the plant without any human interaction,” explained Thomson. “Every single print that I make is an original because there is negative involved so there’s no way of reproducing them; each one is unique.”

Thomson’s exhibit “Plantopia” will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery until April 26. An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for April 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thomson will be selling her original artwork ranging in prices from \$50 to \$650 plus tax. For each sale, 20 per cent of the money will be donated to Streams Community Hub in Shelburne.

“I think Streams is doing amazing work for the community of Shelburne. The arts are so important and it’s something that is often overlooked. They have created this environment, which is open to all youth and adults in the community to go and learn something new,” said Thomson.

During the showcase, Thomson will also be selling other art items including art cards, bookmarks and smaller prints,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

LOCAL ART: Mono based artist Jo Thomson will have a collection of 36 pieces on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery in a new exhibit titled, “Plantopia.” The pieces use techniques called cyanotypes, blue-based images that are created using the sun’s UV rays, and photograms, black-and-white prints developed using a traditional darkroom. The exhibit will be on display until April 26.

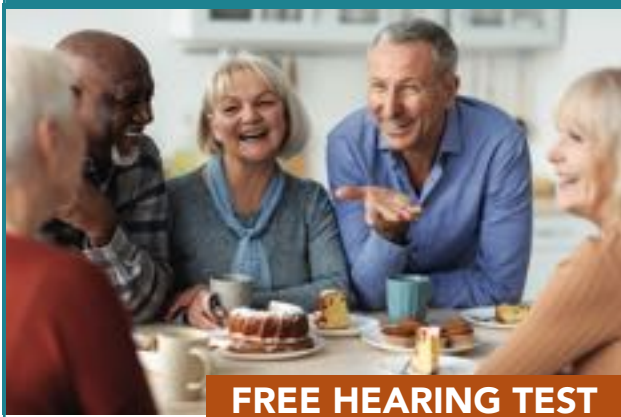
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“I wanted to make it inclusive, if people

wanted to buy something and help support Streams Community Hub and the arts,” said Thomson.

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In case you don't recognize those lyrics, they are from the song Taxman, written by George Harrison and released on the Beatles album 'Revolver' in 1966.

At the time, the Beatles were making a lot of money, and most of it was disappearing in taxes thanks to the progressive tax system in the U.K. at the time.

I've never understood why people who make more money must pay more of a percentage of their money in taxes. Why is a person penalized for being successful?

The thought process by the government is, if you make more, you can afford to pay more of a percentage of your earnings.

If there is going to be an income tax, it should be a fair, across-the-board rate.

Several years ago, a poverty group in Toronto staged a protest in the Forest Hill neighbourhood. For some reason, they decided to protest against affluent people who had a lot of money and blame them for others not having as much.

The protest pretty much fell flat, because it made no sense to blame others for being successful.

One homeowner, who wasn't too happy about having protesters in front of his house blaming him for their situation, had a good response.

He stated, that he and his neighbours, were wealthy because they worked hard for 30 years building a business, and also employed a lot of people who relied on them to feed their families.

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Then there are the huge taxes on things like liquor, beer, and tobacco, called 'sin-taxes.' That's why a bottle of Jack Daniels is so expensive. It seems your rate of punishment is determined by how much you enjoy something.

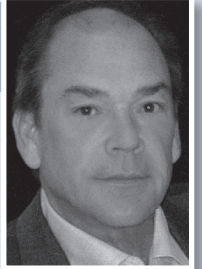
Canada is a wealthy nation with much of the government's income coming directly from its residents.

For the most part, those taxes are spent responsibly and there are enough checks and balances to make sure those dollars are well spent.

However, it is still the responsibility of all of us to be aware of government spending and how all of our money is used.

When we are paying as much tax as we are, it is every citizen's responsibility to be aware of where that money goes.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Want to fix the economy? Start by fixing our tax system

For most Canadians, April is the time of year when frustration and anger over our convoluted, loophole-ridden tax system is at its highest.

For those looking for tax relief this year, there's not much hope. On the contrary, Canadians got hit with several tax hikes earlier this month, including payroll tax increases and an increase to the carbon tax levied on gas and home heating fuel.

Those hoping for simpler, easier-to-fill-out forms will also be disappointed. With each passing year, the tax system gets more complicated, with new forms and new layers of tax credits for everyone from remote workers to families who add a second living unit to their home.

Everyone knows the tax system is broken and needs to be fixed, but nothing ever gets done to make it simpler, fairer and easier.

Over the years Canada's personal income tax code has swelled in size and gotten more complex with thousands of mind-boggling passages like the following:

"Subsection 18.1(10) applies where (a) a taxpayer's particular right to receive production to which a matchable expenditure (other than an expen-

diture no portion of which would, if this section were read without reference to subsections 18.1(7) and 18.1(10), be deductible under subsection 18.1(3) in computing the taxpayer's income) relates has expired or the taxpayer has disposed of all of the right (otherwise than in a disposition to which subsection 87(1) or 88(1) applies)."

As the example above shows, the current tax system is far too tangled to ever unknot. It needs to be scrapped and replaced with something far less complicated.

In terms of personal income, I would create a dead-simple, black-and-white income tax formula with a clear progression in tax rates. Like the current system, those making more would pay more. The main difference, however, is there would be no loopholes or write-offs, and the tax rates would be much lower for the majority of Canadians.

Come tax filing time, to figure out how much you owe, all you would need are two numbers – the tax rate for your income bracket and the exact amount of income you earned.

The end result of this proposed reform is that our personal income tax system would be straightforward, clear-cut and easy to understand.

Most Canadians would pay less. And because of the elimination of all exemptions, loopholes and write-offs, the very rich would end up paying more.

I would further overhaul the tax system by undertaking a number of other major reforms.

The most important of these would apply to small businesses, the main drivers of economic prosperity and job creation in Canada. I propose completely eliminating corporate income tax for small businesses with fewer than 300 employees.

For large and medium-sized companies with more than 300 employees, I would replace the current corporate income tax with a corporate sales tax and eliminate all deductions, tax credits and exemptions. The new tax rate would be somewhere between two to

eight percent and would be applied only on annual sales.

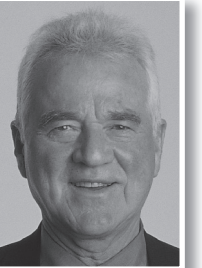
The one guiding principle with all of these tax reforms is simplify, simplify, simplify.

The proposed reforms, if enacted, would also make our tax system fairer. Instead of doling out breaks to the rich and other special interests, the system would provide badly needed tax relief to the average working Canadian and small businesses.

If we want to get our economy firing on all cylinders, we need to first fix our tax system.

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Mini-van collides with horse and buggy in Melancthon

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A recent collision between a mini-van and a horse and buggy has resulted in several injuries and the escape of two horses. The incident took place on County Rd. 9 in Melancthon on March 31, and the eight

passengers of the buggy were transported to the hospital for their injuries. The two horses that escaped following the collision were later located safely. County Rd. 9 remained closed for several hours after the incident, before reopening around 9:20 p.m.



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OPP officer retires, passes torch to son on his first shift

A shift was started and completed with two officers with a Jones surname, marking the retirement of one police officer and the beginning of another.

On April 2, Staff Sergeant David Jones took his last ride with his son here in Dufferin County before his retirement. This day marked the completion of a 33-year-long policing career which was began in 1990 with



the Peel Regional Police Service and ended with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Beginning his OPP career at Caledon Detachment in 2008, Staff Sergeant Jones

didn't waste anytime before becoming a member of the Crime Unit in 2009, where he worked on high-profile investigations in Orangeville between 2010 and 2012.

Shortly thereafter, Staff Sergeant Jones shifted to the OPP Anti-Rackets Branch where he was promoted to Fleet Manager before becoming a Manager in the Investigation and Enforcement Bureau. Staff Sergeant

Jones completed his career as the Unit Commander of the Physical Surveillance Unit.

Both Jones officers had a dream of theirs come true: partnering up for a dayshift here in Dufferin County," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

"Thank you for your dedicated service and for raising a son who embodies the values to serve and protect."

Increase in impaired driving charges prompts enhanced efforts

Increases in impaired driving occurrences are prompting the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to enhance its impaired driving enforcement efforts, with the aim of saving more lives on our roads.

Tragically, 385 people lost their lives in impaired driving-related collisions on OPP-patrolled roads between 2018 and the end of 2023. During the same period, impaired driving-related collisions have steadily climbed, with 2023 marking a 31 per cent increase when compared to the numbers during the previous five years.

Impaired driving charges are also up 33 per cent over the same six-year period.

"The increases are a clear sign that many drivers are not doing their part to keep fellow road users safe," said OPP Central Region in a press release. "Motorists are reminded to be prepared to provide a breath sample during a traffic stop. Under Canada's Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) law, drivers must comply with a police officer's demand for a breath sample, even in the absence of any suspicion that they have consumed alcohol."

MAS remains an effective measure for enhancing the police's ability to detect and investigate impaired drivers and remove them from our roads.

The OPP also reminds motorists that officers conduct RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) initiatives through-

out the year. Drivers should also be prepared to provide a breath sample in these situations.

If you suspect that a driver is impaired, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.

"By doing so, you could be saving a life," said Central Region OPP.

Shooting investigation ongoing

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to investigate a shooting on McCormack Road.

On September 13 of last year, shortly after 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting in front of a residence on McCormack Road, Caledon. No injuries were sus-

tained as a result of the incident. The suspect was observed leaving the area in a white Nissan Rogue motor vehicle.

This investigation is ongoing by the Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit (MCU). Anyone with information or surveillance footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP by calling 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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- 1. Island nation
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- 16. South Dakota
- 17. Oakland's baseball team
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Ornamental stone
- 22. Garland
- 23. Process that produces ammonia
- 25. Mousses
- 26. Music notation "dal _"
- 28. Fail to win
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Not near
- 31. Some cars still need it
- 33. Lizard genus
- 34. An idiot (Brit.)
- 36. Postponed
- 38. African country
- 40. Gazes unpleasantly
- 41. In a way, traveled
- 43. Ukraine's capital
- 44. Appropriate
- 45. Dash
- 47. Twitch
- 48. Swiss river
- 51. Data file with computer animations
- 53. City in S. Korea
- 55. Particular region
- 56. They have eyes and noses
- 58. Tear
- 59. Large Madagascan lemur
- 60. Not out
- 61. Ornamental saddle covering
- 64. A driver's license is one
- 65. Latin term for charity
- 67. Rechristens
- 69. Objects from an earlier time
- 70. Hindu male religious teachers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used as a weapon
- 2. Yukon Territory
- 3. Makes a map of
- 4. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
- 5. Unnilhexium
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Playing the field
- 8. Folk singer DiFranco
- 9. Something to scratch
- 10. Mexican agave
- 11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
- 12. Session
- 13. North American people
- 15. Ranches
- 18. Electroencephalograph
- 21. A type of compound
- 24. Avenue
- 26. High schoolers' test
- 27. A type of meal
- 30. Gradually disappeared
- 32. Ancient Frankish law code
- 35. Popular pickup truck
- 37. Buzzing insect
- 38. Deal illegally
- 39. Lying in the same plane
- 42. Obstruct
- 43. Related
- 46. Challenge aggressively
- 47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 49. Bird's nests
- 50. Forays
- 52. ___ B. de Mille, filmmaker
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. One-time name of Vietnam
- 57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 59. Private school in New York
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Cricket Club gearing up for new season

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Cricket Club is getting ready for another successful season and is still looking for players to join its local house league.

House league play will continue all season with teams also taking part in several summer and fall tournaments.

"We are starting on May 18," explained Shelburne Cricket Club president Ahsen Siddiqui. "We're getting ready for a new season. This year we have a T-25 house league as well as a team for younger people. We are also hosting the County Cup again this year and that will take place in September and October."

The T25 House League will feature four teams: The Shelburne Warriors, led by two-time champion Samir Patel. The Shelburne Knights, under the leadership of Sagar Arora. The Shelburne Gladiators are captained by Jajbir Sran. And the Shelburne Samurai, with Harpeet Sandhu at the helm.

The teams are filling up fast as players sign up for the season, but the Club is still looking for more players to join.

In addition to the T25 league, the Club is expanding with the introduction of the TYRO T20 Series. This new series will see the Shelburne Royals and the Shelburne Guardians face off in what is expected to be a keenly contested addition to the local cricket calendar.

"We are still recruiting," Ahsen said. "We have four teams – we still need more players. Our Club is growing."

The club also has a women's division and is especially looking for more female athletes who would like to play.

"This year is the year of cricket because the T20 World Cup is also happening in North America," Ahsen said. "There's a lot of cricket happening this year."

The Club is also planning some inter-league play with their premier team, the Shelburne Stars, in games against other top clubs from around the region. Those matches are scheduled for later in the season.

The Club plays house league games on Saturdays and Sundays at KTH Park in Shelburne.

The SCC is also organizing an adult soc-

cer series featuring a best-of-five contest between the Shelburne Titans and the Shelburne Dynamites, vying for the SCC Annual Soccer Trophy.

A founding member of the Club, Mr. Siddiqui has played a pivotal role in advancing the vision to establish cricket as a prominent sport in Shelburne and Dufferin County. Under his direction, along with a dedicated management team, the Club has gone from seven players to around 200 active participants.

Player registration is currently open for those looking to participate in any of the tournaments. Interested individuals are encouraged to sign up through the Club's website at www.shelburnecricketclub.com.

Again this year there will be an opening day celebration with the unveiling of the League Cup and an opening ceremony to kick off the new season.

"The Shelburne Cricket Club's ambitious lineup of events for the 2024 season is a testament to the growing popularity of cricket and soccer in Shelburne and Dufferin County," Ahsen said. "With a mix of seasoned players and fresh talent, the com-



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LOOKING FORWARD: Shelburne Cricket Club president, Ahsen Siddiqui, shows the trophies that will be won during this year's cricket season. In addition to the T25 House League, the Club has several other tournaments planned this year.

munity is set to experience an exhilarating season of sports. The theme #FeelTheHeat indeed promises not just a summer of intense matches but a celebration of local athletics at its finest."

Alliston Hornets sweep Stayner to win North Carruthers Division

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Alliston Hornets have claimed the 2023-24 Carruthers Division championships in a four-game sweep over the Stayner Siskins.

The final game was played on Stayner's home ice on Thursday, April 4.

Alliston finished in first place in the Division this year, with the Siskins close behind in second place.

Both teams had outstanding seasons. The Hornets finished the regular season with a 36-6 record. The Siskins had a 33-9 record.

Alliston pulled into first place early in the season and held the post for the rest of the year.

The final best-of-seven series got underway on March 28 and ended with a 4-3 Alliston win on home ice.

In Stayner for Game Two, the Hornets were



ahead 2-0 after a 4-2 win.

The series returned to Alliston for Game Three on Monday, April 1. That game went into overtime when the Siskins tied the game on a goal with 44 seconds left on the clock.

The Hornets scored in overtime for the 3-2 win.

Moving back to Stayner for Game Four, the Siskins needed a win to keep the series alive. The Hornets showed up determined to end the series and claim the title.

At the end of the first period, the Hornets were leading 2-0. Stayner scored their only goal early in the second frame.

The Hornets scored one second-period goal then capped the night with two third-period goals to win the game 5-1 and claim the championship.

The Provincial Junior Hockey League wrapped up the Division finals this week and will now head into Conference championships.

The Hornets will be up against the Hanover Barons from the Pollock Division in the North Conference series. Hanover eliminated Mount Forest in the Division Championship in a series that took the full seven games to complete.

In other Divisions around the province, the Clarington Eagles have won the Orr Division after defeating the Georgina Ice in four games.

The Tod Division the Napanee Raiders are this year's champs after dispatching the Port

Hope Panthers in a series that went four games.

In the Bloomfield Division, the Grimsby Peach Kings are the champions after eliminating the Dundas Blues in five games.

The New Hamburg Firebirds are the Doherty Division champions with a 4-1 series win over the Woodstock Navy Vets.

In the Yeck Division, the Thamesford Trojans won over the Mt. Brydges Bulldogs in five games.

The Lakeshore Canadiens are the Stobbs Division champions with a win over the Essex 73s, in a series that went the full seven games.

The conference championship series will get underway this week. Conference champions will go on to compete for the provincial Schmalz Cup.

Conference finals series:

North Conference - Alliston Hornets versus Hanover Barons

East Conference - Clarington Eagles versus Napanee Raiders

South Conference - Grimsby Peach Kings versus New Hamburg Firebirds

West Conference - Thamesford Trojans versus Lakeshore Canadiens

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"I like the sportsmanship and being part of a team," Piper said of why she likes playing hockey. "I love being competitive. Playing in CWOSSA was challenging, it was tough, but we fought through it."

Piper helped the Royals win the District 4 championship this year before going on to compete at CWOSSA.

When she's not playing with the Royals, Piper plays hockey with the Grey Highland Stars.

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One month left to cast vote for Best Burger in the ‘Burne’ contest

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

Shelburne residents have one more month to get out and try the burgers from a variety of local restaurants and submit their vote for the best burger in town.

The Shelburne Business Improvement Area (BIA) will be continuing to host their Best Burger in the ‘Burne’ contest until the end of April.

“It’s going very well so far, engagement with all of the restaurants has been phe-

nomenal,” said Len Guchardi, Shelburne Council representative on the BIA. “We have six phenomenal restaurants in the community and they all serve an amazing burger.”

The local burger contest was first held in 2023 and was developed by the Shelburne BIA as a way of creating traffic for local restaurants in the downtown core, who typically experience slower business in the months of February, March and April.

“The contest was fairly successful last year with a lot of the restaurants get-

ting more traffic, which is the goal,” said Guchardi.

The burger competition has six local restaurants taking part including Beyond the Gate, Shannon’s Tap & Grill, Dufferin Public House, Main Street Café, Sunrise Diner, and Topsy Fox.

Last year’s winner of the inaugural Best Burger in the ‘Burne’ was the Dufferin Public House, located at 214 Main Street E.

Residents can cast their vote for the best burger by either scanning the QR Code at the restaurant and filling out an electronic

ballot or by filling out a paper ballot from the participating restaurant. Paper ballots can be returned directly to the restaurant or can be placed in the 24-hour drop box located at the Town Hall, 203 Main Street East.

All submitted ballots will be entered into a draw, and one lucky “burger connoisseur” will win a \$100 gift certificate to the Shelburne BIA merchant of their choice.

The winner of the Best Burger in the ‘Burne’ contest will be announced in early May.

Several events, initiatives coming to Dufferin County for Earth Day

April is Earth Month. Join Dufferin County in celebrating Earth Month and do your part to take action for the planet and help address the climate crisis.

Get the Dirt on Climate Friendly Gardening, Saturday, April 27 from 1 to 2 p.m., Orangeville Library

Climate Action in Dufferin, in collaboration with the Orangeville Library, will host a community gardening workshop on April 27 with feature guest Mark Eastman of Weathered Rock Farm.

Learn the principles of building healthy soil and discover the regenerative techniques you can implement to create a bountiful and climate-friendly garden! Receive a free compost bag to help you get started.

Visit www.orangevillelibrary.ca to register. A minimum of five participants are required to run the program.

Grade 7 In Classroom Program with the MoD and Climate Action in Dufferin

The Museum of Dufferin and Climate Action in Dufferin will celebrate Earth Week by launching a new in classroom program for Grade 7 students. The program, focused on imagining complete, climate-friendly communities will be available to book through the Museum starting Earth Week. For more information visit www.dufferinmuseum.com.

Help work towards Clothes’ing the Loop on Textiles

The average Canadian buys 70 new pieces of clothing annually. Only half of what is bought is used, while the rest is left unused or thrown out. Textiles contribute to over 10 million tonnes of waste in landfill in North America, of which 95 per cent could be reused or recycled.

Keep textiles out of landfill by donating unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding and more!

Check out the Clothes’ing the Loop Map Tool to find businesses, donation bins and organizations accepting donations near you.

A fun way to work towards Clothes’ing the Loop on Textiles is to host a clothing swap party. Here are five tips to get started:

1. Choose an appropriate location
2. Set rules
3. Send out invites/promote your event
4. Create an organization system
5. Have a plan for the leftover items, such as donations

Check out the Swap It Toolkit from the Circular Innovation Council for more information.

Attend a Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste event

Need to get rid of old paint? Recycle it responsibly at a Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste event! Last year, residents helped keep over 120 tonnes of hazardous and electronic waste out of the landfill! Attend the next event on Saturday, April 20 at the Grand Valley Agricultural Society Lands (beside arena) from 8 am to 3 pm!

Visit www.dufferincounty.ca/waste for a list of acceptable items and limitations and a list of additional events in the spring and summer.

Attend a Compost Giveaway Day

If you participate in the green bin and yard waste programs, enjoy the end result by getting free compost! Your garden will thank you. The first event of the season will be on Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Horning’s Mills Community Hall located at 114 Mill Street in Melancthon. Click here for guidelines, and additional events in May!

Visit the Dufferin Waste display at Alder Recreation Centre

If you visit Alder Recreation Centre during Earth Week from April 22 to 26, make sure

to stop by the Dufferin Waste booth to pick up information on waste reduction in Dufferin County! There will be resources available, such as Green Bin Guides, Take It Back Directories, educational material on food waste reduction and Clothes’ing the Loop on Textiles postcards to help you donate your unwanted textiles. Sign up for a chance to win one of five Zero Waste kits!

Attend a Storytime Reading at your local library!

Orangeville Public Library
Bring your kids to a reading of Let’s Save the Earth by Jacelyn Augustin during the Every Child Ready to Read Storytime Program with Orangeville Public Library at the Mill Street location on Thursday, April 25 at 10:30 am.

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14 Mill St, Melancthon



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Visit dufferincounty.ca/waste for additional events in May 2024!



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Minimum tender amount: \$32,082.44

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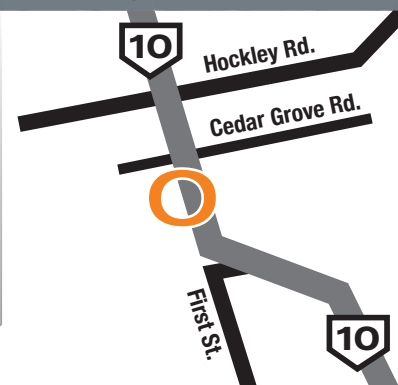


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Orangeville Lions raise \$40,000 at 25th Annual Home and Garden Show

Written By Sam Odrowski

It was another successful weekend for the Orangeville Lions Club's 25th Annual Home and Garden Show.

The Lions reached their fundraising goal of \$40,000 and saw just over 5,000 people from April 5 to 7 at the Orangeville Fairgrounds. Those funds will be used for future projects in the community. Past projects the Lions have completed include the Lions Sports Pad on Diane Dr. and the BMX Park on the Alder Parklands.

Yasmine Slater, an Orangeville Lions Club member who helped organize the home show, said both vendors and attendees enjoyed the opportunity to interact in a central space for the three-day event.

"We had a lot of positive feedback for a great show," said Slater. "A lot of vendors were also happy with the turnout of people and the interactions they were having."

Overall, the Home and Garden show was successful in providing vendors with the opportunity to show off their products and services, while giving attendees the chance to view a variety of different businesses at one time.

"I just think it's great for the community to showcase the businesses and it gets everybody out for a jump into spring," said Slater. "It's a great weekend to do that."

The Home and Garden Show not only provides an opportunity for attendees to learn about the various home improvement businesses in the region but also several not-for-profit organizations.

The Orangeville and District Horticultural Society, Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County, Caledon Meals on Wheels, Dance Orangeville, Dufferin Search and Rescue, Headwaters Friendship Gardens, Girl Guides, Island Lake Rowing Club, Headwaters Nature, and the Monora Bowl-



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: The 25th Annual Orangeville Lions Home and Garden Show saw over 5,000 people from April 5 to 7 at the Orangeville Fairgrounds and raised \$40,000. There were over 130 vendors made up of a variety of business related to spring home improvement. The funds raised at the event will be used for charitable projects in the community.

ing Club were in attendance.

"We want to thank the community groups that came out to showcase what they do and how they connect our community," said Slater. "I think it's important that, as a community, we support those organizations as well. It was a great opportunity for them to showcase what they do, so they can maybe increase their participation."

The Lions would also like to thank Cookies by Gia for serving food over the weekend and Dufferin Search and Rescue for handling the parking.

Slater said the Lions are very grateful to all the event's sponsors, the businesses that purchased booths, and everyone who came out to show their support.



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Minimum tender amount: \$54,131.76

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Participate in Dufferin County's Community Insights Workshop Series to shape the future of the local economy

Dufferin County invites stakeholders and community members to actively participate in shaping the future economic landscape of Dufferin by taking part in its Community Insights Workshop Series.

The Community Insights Workshop Series will assist the County as it works to develop its Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan. The County's goals for the Workshop Series are to:

- Equip a diverse range of stakeholders with the knowledge and tools necessary to foster economic development within local communities.

- Gather important community feedback and economic development priorities that will inform the direction and goals of the County's Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

"Dufferin County understands that our local communities and municipalities each have unique economic aspirations and needs. The Community Insights Workshop Series will allow us to learn more about diverse perspectives, foster community engagement and ensure that our Eco-

conomic Development Strategy and Action Plan is based on comprehensive data and analysis. We encourage local industries, municipalities and community members to attend the Workshop Series. Together, we will chart a course towards a prosperous and inclusive future for Dufferin," said Dufferin County Warden Darren White.

The County is partnering with local municipalities, the Dufferin Board of Trade and Headwaters Communities in Action to develop content and facilitate the Community Insights Workshop Series. By harnessing the collective expertise, insights and aspirations of the diverse communities in Dufferin County, the County aims to develop a robust strategy and action plan that will catalyze inclusive growth, foster resilient communities and create a long-lasting legacy of sustainable local development.

"Dufferin County understands that a growing economy contributes to a thriving community, and as outlined in our Strategic Plan, we are committed to advancing county-wide economic and workforce

development as we work to create a community that grows together. We invite community members and stakeholders to share their insights and shape the development of our Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan," said Dufferin County CAO Sonya Pritchard.

The Community Insights Workshop Series invites participation from a wide range of stakeholders, including upper and lower-tier municipalities, local industry, not-for-profit organizations and residents. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute ideas, share perspectives and collaborate on key priorities and initiatives. The first round of workshops will invite participation from members of the following local industries and municipality:

- Agriculture, Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street Orangeville.
- Township of Amaranth, Wednesday, May 1, 2:30 p.m., Amaranth Town Hall, 374028 6 Line, Laurel
- Manufacturing, Wednesday, May 15, 6

p.m., E. Hofmann Plastics, 51 Centennial Road, Orangeville

- Tourism, Wednesday, May 22, 6 p.m., Museum of Dufferin, 936029 Airport Road, Mulmur

- Real estate, Wednesday, June 5, 1:30 p.m., Monora Park Pavilion, 500 Monora Park Road, Mono

Subsequent workshops for municipalities and the general public will be announced at a later date.

"These workshops will help staff target their efforts to actions that will help businesses large and small thrive and prosper. When we get input from businesses and stakeholders, we can unlock new opportunities, unleash the full potential of our area by attracting new investment, and create new jobs and a strong business community that is supported by all of Dufferin," said Janet Horner, Dufferin County Councillor and Chair of the Development and Tourism Committee

To learn more and get involved in shaping the future of the economy, visit www.joinindufferin.com.

John Lorinc, journalist, author is next up as the Can/Hist STBI speaker

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Well-known journalist, John Lorinc is coming to the Grace Tipling Hall on Thursday, April 25, to discuss how small towns like Shelburne, Orangeville and neighbouring municipalities are affected by the encroaching spread of nearby larger cities.

By insisting there are better ways to build and that it is a very bad policy to encourage the use of gas for energy, Mr. Lorinc sees care for the environment as a natural outcome of building wisely, he told the Citizen in a recent interview.

Writing for a number of publications, such as the Globe and Mail and Canadian Geographic, among many others, he is senior editor of Spacing Magazine. Already a published author of a number of books, lately Dream States, which looks at the increasing role of technology in cities, he has another book coming out in the fall. This is a memoir about his own family coming through the war.

"Tech is a tool, not an end in itself," he said. "We have this whole system of flood control. Ontario is ahead of the pack about flooding after Hurricane Hazel."

Toronto has made the whole effort to make the ravine system spongy.

He said, "At the end of the day... you also need to deal with the need for pipes and tanks."

Shelburne is in the housing business, as the number of residents increases.

Kitchener-Waterloo are good studies, of how they affect the rural, smaller communities and their impact on social services. There are a lot of opportunities to take advantage of the proximity of big cities, which smaller cities should do, he opined.

In constructing new buildings, "other technologies are useful like heat pumps as they don't use any gas," he said but added regretfully that the Ford government is installing more hooks to allow for natural gas.

He stated clearly, "Government needs to pass rules that allow home builders to avoid gas. There needs to be a more impactful legislation."

Mr. Lorinc agrees there should be more solar, "Everybody says the gadgets are the last thing we do. But, certainly, they could be put on new-built; it should be mandatory. The cost is way lower than it used to be. Political

leaders need to say we should insist."

The fact is, suburban developments are long-standing orbits of cities. He once interviewed a forester who said wisely, "The difference between a collection of houses and a subdivision is the trees."

Technology is very invasive. The proposed Harbourfront Smart Neighbourhood in Toronto was cancelled.

He said, "The pandemic stopped the project but it had generated so much controversy over proposed face recognition, the American company didn't want to bother going ahead with it.

"There is surveillance everywhere," he commented, "but it's when there is software for face recognition, as in China, that there are objections elsewhere."

There were various police agencies in the US experimenting with AI that could identify people.

Emphatically, he said, "This is why democratic oversight and a well-informed media [are important], the revelations came out by media reporting. In China there's controlled media only."

This is part of smart cities and the engagement of people is necessary.

"You can't take your rights for granted," he observed.

"My view is there are multiple uses to compact communities. Density is not for everybody. Preservation of farmland is important. We can create more vibrant areas and density brings down housing costs."

In creating more density, there are plenty of ways of doing that with big towers but

fewer of them. There are neighbourhoods in mature cities that prove the theory. More people in communities are likelier to encourage creativity and micro-economies. Creating such communities means less need for driving.

Reporters have to work to bring information to people, fair and accurate, so people can respond.

Mr. Lorinc loves journalism.

"I have the privilege of meeting all sorts of people," he said. "This is what I do, it's so important when there is so much misinformation out there. We have to be provocative and bring accurate information. I'm incredibly fortunate."

BookLore is bringing copies of Mr. Lorinc's books to his presentation on April 25 for sale and for him to sign.

The presentation starts at 7:30 p.m.

"What I'm going to be talking about is housing, how it affects everyone. All these places are part of the storyline, and they have to find a way of living in a city in order to define where are the next generation of families going to live.

"One of which is to reduce our impact on the environment," Mr. Lorinc commented.

Of the 100-storey towers in Toronto, his concern is the way they are designed, that we should be building better.

"We should be building them to last 100 years," he said.

By the bye, you might like to look up his book about dumplings.

For tickets at \$10 go to <https://canhist.ca/small-town-big-ideas>

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Shelburne Public Library shares what's new

Upcoming Events

Get Crafty Club - Meetings are each Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This club is for anyone, working on any craft, to drop in and socialize with other crafters. From knitters, to painters, to sewers, everyone is welcome!

Seed Library - Our seed library is still going strong and replenished frequently, so drop in to pick up some more packages. We are going to keep our Seed Library until the end of April, so make sure to stop in before then!

Staff Pick of the Week

The Parliament by Aimee Pokwatka: When tens of thousands of owls descend on her hometown library, rending and tearing at anyone foolish enough to step outside, Madigan Purdy, tasked with keeping her students safe, seeks inspiration from her favorite childhood book, The Silent Queen, to find a solution to their dilemma.

Why Molly Recommends it:

Aimee Pokwatka uses the universally safe-seeming location of a library to send us all careening around with palm sweats and terror featuring what else, birds, as the massively swarming 'antagonist'. The novel employs research skills, natural behavior and buried trauma themes against a modern backdrop to create my next recurring nightmare. My favorite aspect to this story is the fairy tale interspersed between the pages of the main story, (I always love a story within a story) which provides rather a fascinating parallel between two narratives concerning what it means to be brave, and why it's a good idea to take children seriously. It's early in the year to call it, but I'd wager this will be my favourite for 2024.

The Parliament will be a good choice for those who enjoy T. Kingfisher, Stephen King, or Premea Mohamed.

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The Shelburne and District Fire Board is seeking a candidate for the full-time position of Fire Chief. This position requires a minimum of 40 hours a week and involves flexible hours to attend emergency responses, meetings and training.

The Fire Chief is ultimately responsible to the Councils of the Municipalities who appoint him/her. The Fire Chief will report directly to a 10-member Fire Board of Management comprised of representation from 5 local Municipalities made up of the Town of Shelburne, Town of Mono, Township of Mulmur, Township of Melancthon, and the Township of Amaranth. The area consists of urban and rural settings

The successful candidate will oversee a current member roster of paid on call firefighters.

This position as Fire Chief will also fulfill all legislative requirements involved with the role of a Chief Fire Official for Fire Prevention. This will include enforcement, inspections, plans approval and public education.

Education and Experience requirements are outlined in the full job description which can be found on the participating municipalities websites under employment opportunities.

Competitive Salary of \$115,000 to \$140,000 – plus comprehensive benefit package. Consideration will be given commensurate to experience.

To explore this challenging opportunity further, we invite qualified applicants to forward their resume and covering letter in confidence, quoting **Competition #01-2024-SDFD by 2:00p.m. on May 3, 2024** to:

Shelburne & District Fire Board
 Attention: Nicole Hill
 114 O'Flynn Street, Shelburne, ON L9V 3K7
nhill@sdfd.ca

COMING EVENTS

90th Birthday
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PUBLIC NOTICE



Provincial Service Officer
 Sherry Culling will be at the
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 (day to be confirmed)

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OBITUARIES

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Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Sunday, April 7th, 2024 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Marilyn Banks. Dear father of Stephen Banks and Scott Banks. Cherished grandfather of Kelsey (Billy), Jacob (Emily) and Liam (Morgan). Predeceased by his father William Banks - 1976 and his mother Hilda Banks - 1999, his brother Emerson Banks - 1998 and his wife Lois - 1994 and his sister Diane Banks - 1957. Bonnar will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Funeral Service will be held at **Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre** 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, April 13th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. with visitation beginning at 1:30 pm. Memorial donations to High Country United Church or Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE
ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ARU) POLICY

Take Notice that the Township of Melancthon has initiated a review to introduce a new policy that aims to permit the construction of Additional Residential Units (ARU) on lands throughout the Township of Melancthon. This policy specifically aims to allow up to three (3) ARU's per lot.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public open house has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, between the hours of **5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers at the Township Office located at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon. Staff will present the proposed new policy at **6:00 p.m.** and a public discussion and question and answer period will follow.

Township Planning Staff have prepared information and reports, which will be available for public review on the website and at the Township Office during regular business hours:

• <https://melancthontownship.ca/planning/additional-residential-units/>

For more information about the Township initiated Zoning By-law amendment, please feel free to contact one of the undersigned.

Liam Morgan
 Development Planner
lmorgan@melancthontownship.ca

Kaitlin Dinnick
 Administration and Finance Assistant
kdinnick@melancthontownship.ca



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