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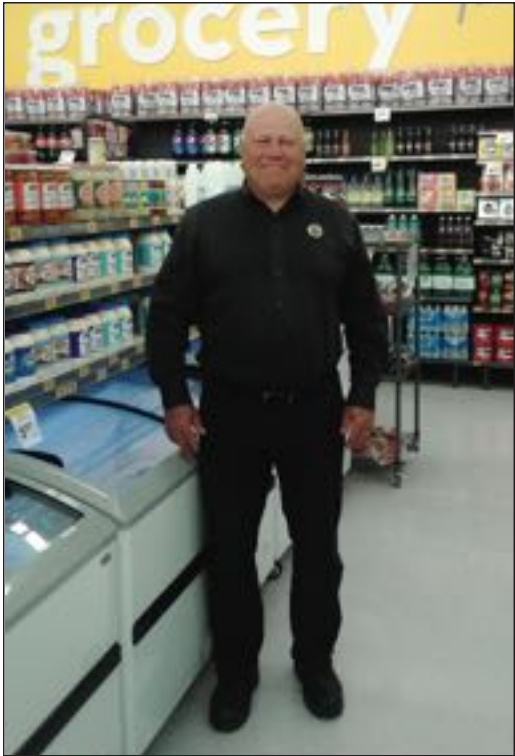
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Shelburne Giant Tiger owner Andrew Lewis retires after nearly three decades

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Andrew Lewis is retiring after decades of work in the retail industry and will be remembered as a stalwart supporter of charitable groups and community organizations.

After 28 years as owner of the Giant Tiger in Shelburne, Andrew Lewis is retiring, bringing to a close a 46-year career in retail that has been closely tied to community involvement.



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REFLECTING BACK: A 2017 photograph shows Andrew Lewis inside the Shelburne Giant Tiger. Andrew and his wife, Diana, were dedicated community partners throughout their years as owners, crediting their success to the welcoming spirit of Shelburne and its residents. Andrew oversaw the store for decades, guiding its growth from its humble beginnings into the thriving retail destination it is today.

Reflecting on his time with the business, Lewis said operating a store in the community where he attended high school made the role especially rewarding. He also credited the business with providing a good life for his family, many of whom worked alongside him at the store over the years.

"Having gone to school here in high school, it was nice to be able to have a business within the community that I knew the best," he said. "It's been a good ride. I can't complain too much. It's provided a nice lifestyle for my wife and my family."

Lewis took over the Shelburne store after working alongside the previous owner for four years and oversaw its growth through three major renovations, including a significant expansion in 2014.

During his tenure, the business adapted to changing consumer habits, including the growth of online shopping and the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, while remaining a fixture in the community.

Community involvement became a defining part of Lewis's approach to running the store. Lewis said Giant Tiger's culture encourages store owners to make decisions based on the needs of the communities they operate in, giving them the flexibility to support local organizations and initiatives rather than relying solely on corporate direction.

"I've always felt that our responsibility was not just to operate a business, but also to be a good community business as well, a good community neighbour," he said. "We're not just in it for a penny, we're in for a pound, and that includes being involved with the community first and foremost."

"Giant Tiger is a company that was set up to serve the community, and the owner or managers have the autonomy to do that in the stores. It's bottom up, it's not top down. The good changes come from the people from the bottom," Lewis added.

He said he believes a business should contribute to the community as well as serve it, an outlook that led Giant Tiger to support organizations including the Shelburne Food Bank and numerous local events and initiatives.

Beyond the store, Lewis served on local committees and helped raise approximately \$450,000 over a decade for children attending diabetes camp through fundraising at the Shelburne Golf Club.

He said that community work is a highlight of his career, and that he has enjoyed working with his community partners throughout.

"I appreciate them all, that's for sure," he said. "They've been a fun group to work with. You know, sitting on some committees in Shelburne, like the Economic Development Committee and the Diabetes Committee. We raised 450,000 over 10 years for kids going to camp – diabetic camp through the Shelburne Golf Course. It's been great."

Retirement is also bittersweet for Lewis and his family.

His wife, Diana, who worked alongside him at the store for many years, had planned to retire with him but was forced to step away from the business earlier after being diagnosed with a medical illness.

In retirement, Lewis plans to spend more time with his family, particularly his grandchild, while continuing to enjoy golf and life at his longtime home.

Although he is stepping away from day-to-day operations, he intends to remain involved in the Shelburne community even in retirement.



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FEDERAL RECOGNITION: Former Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson (left) presents Giant Tiger owners Andrew and Diana Lewis with a certificate to mark the grand reopening of Giant Tiger in 2015 following renovations to the store. The pair have operated the location for decades and remained stalwart community partners, contributing to the local food bank and other charitable initiatives throughout their time with the company.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

END OF AN ERA: Giant Tiger owner Andrew Lewis stands in front of his Shelburne store. Lewis has been with the store for 28 years, and has overseen multiple overhauls and expansions to meet the evolving needs of the town. He's maintained a firm belief in the responsibility's businesses have to their communities, and routinely supports local charitable groups and initiatives.

Trillium Ford Shelburne hosts Drive 4UR Community in support of Shelburne Legion

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Trillium Ford Shelburne invited local residents to come out to the Highway 89 dealership just east of Shelburne for a Drive 4UR Community event on Saturday, July 18.

The day-long event allowed people to test-drive one of several brand-new Ford vehicles while raising money for a good cause.

Funds raised were in support of Shelburne Legion Branch 220.

For every eligible test drive completed during the event, Ford of Canada pledged to donate \$30, up to a maximum of \$6,000, to the local Legion.

Funds raised will help support the installation of an accessible walkway at the Legion's main entrance, improving accessibility for veterans, Legion members and visitors.

For some drivers, it was a chance to experience a vehicle they may be interested in, while others were just curious about the new line-up of Ford vehicles.

“Our dealership has always believed in supporting the communities we serve,” said Len Rice, owner and managing partner of Trillium Ford Shelburne. “Drive 4UR Community is a simple way for residents to make a meaningful impact. A quick test drive can help create a more accessible and welcoming space at our local Legion.”

Visitors had the opportunity to take a vehicle on a planned route around town with one of the sales staff at Trillium Ford. Available test drive vehicles included the Ford Maverick, F-150, Ranger, Explorer, and the popular Mustang.

Trillium Ford hosted more than just the chance to test drive a vehicle and turned it into a day-long fun event. In addition to the test drives, there was a charity barbecue, a family-friendly atmosphere, and live music.

It was a chance for local residents to support a meaningful community project while experiencing driving a new vehicle and maybe deciding on what vehicle may be in their future plans.



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MILESTONE: Senior leadership of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220 in Shelburne marked a significant milestone with a ceremonial cake cutting celebrating the Royal Canadian Legion's 100th anniversary in 2026 on Friday, July 17. The event recognized a century of service to veterans, military families and communities across Canada, while reflecting on the organization's enduring role in remembrance, advocacy and local volunteerism. Branch executives, members and guests gathered for the celebration, which honoured the Legion's legacy of supporting veterans and promoting remembrance through commemorative events, community initiatives and charitable work. The Legion is marking the anniversary nationally with free membership for the year, as part of an incentive to not only recognize the anniversary, but bring in new members to secure the Legion for decades to come. Cutting the cake is (left to right) Branch Service Officer Chris Skalozeb, First VP Barry Lewis, Rev Gord Horsley, past President Dean Schroeder and Sergeant at Arms Andrew Watson.




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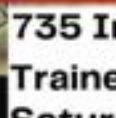
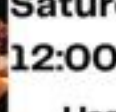
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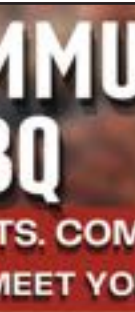



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COMMUNITY VOICES

Healing begins with being heard: FTP's services foster recovery and hope

When people think of Family Transition Place (FTP), many immediately think of an emergency shelter and crisis support. While these services remain a vital part of our work, they represent just one piece of the comprehensive care available to individuals and families throughout Dufferin County and Caledon.

At the heart of FTP is a team of compassionate, trauma-informed counsellors who help individuals navigate some of life's most difficult experiences. Whether someone is living with the impacts of gender-based violence, sexual violence, trauma, addiction, mental health concerns or family challenges, FTP offers free, confidential counselling services designed to meet people where they are and support them on their path toward healing.

Every person's story is unique, which is why our counselling programs are flexible, accessible and tailored to individual needs. Services are available in person, virtually or by telephone, helping reduce barriers to accessing support.

**Crisis counselling:
Support when it matters most**

Reaching out for help can be one of the hardest steps to take. FTP's Crisis Counselling services are available to anyone experiencing abuse, violence, trauma or an immediate crisis.

Our trained crisis counsellors provide compassionate, non-judgmental support, helping individuals understand their options, develop safety plans, access emergency shelter if needed and connect with additional community resources. Whether someone needs immediate intervention or simply someone to listen, every call is met with respect, empathy and understanding.

No referral is required, and support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Clinical counselling supports
ongoing healing**

Healing doesn't happen overnight. For many survivors, recovery is a journey that takes time, patience and ongoing support.

FTP's Clinical Counselling program offers trauma-informed therapeutic support for individuals who have experienced gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, family violence, sexual violence or other traumatic



life experiences. Counsellors work collaboratively with clients to help them process their experiences, develop healthy coping strategies, strengthen resilience and move toward their personal goals.

Sessions are individualized and client-centred, recognizing that healing looks different for everyone. Counselling is offered in a safe, confidential environment where clients can explore their experiences without fear of judgment.

**Rural Response program brings
support closer to home**

Living in a rural community can sometimes make accessing services more challenging. Transportation barriers, isolation and limited local resources can leave individuals feeling alone.

FTP's Rural Response Program was created specifically to address these challenges by bringing counselling, advocacy and outreach services to women living in North Dufferin and surrounding rural communities.

This program offers crisis intervention, counselling, safety planning, emotional support, system navigation and connections to community resources, ensuring geography is never a barrier to receiving help.

By meeting clients within their own communities whenever possible, Rural Response helps increase access to vital supports while reducing the isolation many survivors experience.

**Addictions Counselling: Compassionate
support without judgment**

Substance use is often closely connected with experiences of trauma and violence. FTP recognizes that many individuals may be coping with these experiences while also navigating challenges related to alcohol or

drug use.

Our Addictions Counselling program provides specialized support for women through a trauma-informed, harm reduction approach. Rather than focusing solely on substance use, counsellors work alongside clients to understand the underlying factors contributing to addiction while supporting healthier coping strategies and personal wellness goals.

Whether someone is seeking recovery, reducing harm or simply exploring their relationship with substance use, FTP provides compassionate, individualized care in a supportive environment.

**Parent and Child Counselling helps
families heal together**

Children are deeply affected by conflict, abuse and trauma, even when they are not the direct target. Early intervention can make a meaningful difference in helping young people process their experiences and build healthy emotional skills.

FTP's Parent & Child Counselling program supports both children and caregivers by providing age-appropriate therapeutic interventions that strengthen relationships, improve communication and foster resilience.

Through counselling, children are given opportunities to safely express emotions, better understand their experiences and develop healthy coping strategies while caregivers receive support in strengthening family relationships and promoting healing within the home.

Mobile Crisis:

Meeting people where they are

Sometimes support cannot wait for an office appointment.

FTP's Mobile Crisis Counsellor works alongside community partners, such as the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS), Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP), Headwaters Health Care Centre, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Peel Addiction Assessment and Referral Centre (PAARC) and EveryMind, to respond directly to individuals experiencing domestic and sexual violence crisis. Support is available throughout Dufferin County and Caledon.

By providing immediate assessment, crisis intervention, emotional support, safety plan-

ning and referrals, the Mobile Crisis program helps ensure individuals receive timely assistance while connecting them to longer-term supports when needed.

This collaborative approach strengthens community response and helps individuals access care during some of their most vulnerable moments.

**Sexual Violence Community
Engagement: Prevention
through education**

Supporting survivors is only one part of creating safer communities. Preventing violence through education is equally important.

FTP's Sexual Violence Community Engagement program works throughout Dufferin County and Caledon to increase awareness, reduce stigma and promote conversations around consent, healthy relationships, boundaries and bystander intervention.

Through presentations, workshops and community partnerships with schools, sports organizations, businesses and community groups, the program empowers individuals with knowledge while helping challenge the myths and misconceptions that contribute to sexual violence.

Education creates opportunities for prevention, understanding and positive changes.

At FTP, healing happens every day. Counselling is more than providing therapy—it is about creating a safe space where individuals feel heard, believed, respected and supported. Whether someone is reaching out during a crisis or beginning a longer healing journey, our counsellors walk alongside clients every step of the way.

All counselling services at FTP are confidential and provided free of charge. No one should have to face abuse, violence, trauma or life's challenges alone.

If you or someone you know could benefit from counselling or support, our caring staff are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

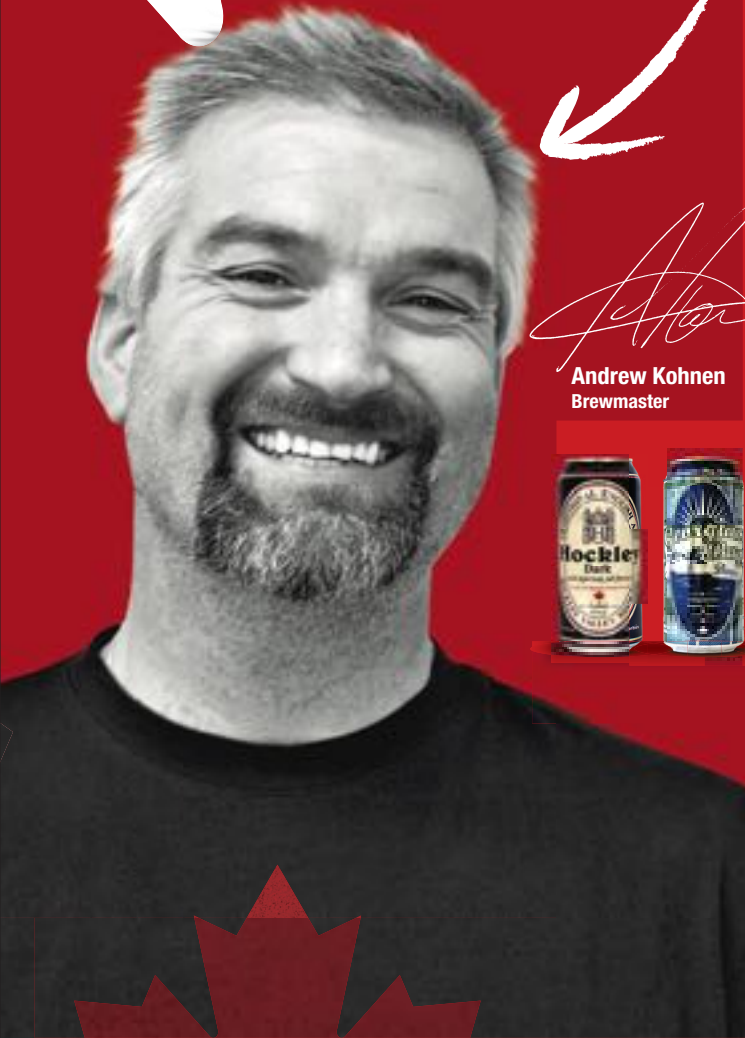
This week's Community Voice submission was written by FTP. To access the organization's 24-Hour Support & Information Line, call 519-941-HELP (4357), 905-584-HELP (4357) or 1-800-265-9178. Anyone in need of support from FTP can also email support@familytransitionplace.ca or text 519-278-5410.



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Baysox move to first in North Dufferin Baseball League’s senior division standings

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Owen Sound Baysox have taken the lead in the North Dufferin Baseball League standings after surging ahead of the New Lowell Knights.

The Knights were in the top spot since the start of the season after going 14 games without a loss. The record included one tie with the Orillia Majors on May 21.

In a sudden slump, the New Lowell Knights lost four of their last five games. They lost to the Baysox, Lisle Astros, and two games to the Bolton Brewers.

Owen Sound lost three games early in the season, but was on a nine-game winning streak before taking a 7-6 loss to the Ivy Rangers on July 15.

The Baysox now have a 16-4 record and are three points ahead of the Knights.

In the number three spot, the Orillia Majors are close behind. They are tied at 29 points with the Knights.

Orillia has a 14-6-1 record so far this season.

The Ivy Rangers are also a serious contender this year. The Rangers have 28 points and a 14-5 record.

The Bolton Brewers have a 5-11-1 record and are in fifth place with 23 points. They are followed by the Barrie Angels, Midland Mariners, and the Caledon Cardinals.

The top six teams in the standings have already secured a spot in this year’s playoffs.

The remaining teams, the Midland Mariners, Caledon Cardinals, Lisle Astros, Creemore Padres, Mansfield Cubs and Clarksburg Blues will be battling it out for the final two playoff spots this season.

The Cubs met the Barrie Angels for a doubleheader at Mansfield Community Park on Sunday, July 19.

The Angels won both games. They came



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SECOND BAG TAG: The Mansfield Cubs take on the Barrie Angels during the second game of an afternoon doubleheader at Mansfield Community Park on Sunday, July 19. The Angels won both games. Cubs second baseman Ben Nicholson makes the catch and successful tag for the out during the second inning of the second game.

out on top 14-4 in the first game of the afternoon contest, then left the diamond with a 3-2 win in the second game.

The Cubs played their final home game of the regular season on Wednesday, July 22. Results were not available at press time.

Mansfield’s final game of the regular season will take place at Gowen Memorial Park in Creemore. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

BATTING ACTION: There has been a lot of cricket action in Shelburne this summer. The Shelburne Gladiators take on the Shelburne Samurais on the pitch at KTH Park on Sunday, July 20. This was the Shelburne Cricket Club’s 14th match of the season.



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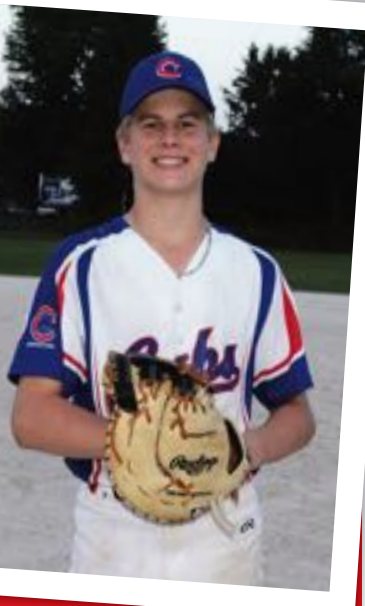
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

PERRY BROWNRIDGE

“I like hanging out with the boys. I’ve been playing baseball my whole life,” said Mansfield Cubs 14U Rep first baseman/pitcher Perry Brownridge of why he likes playing the sport.

Perry started playing baseball when he was around four years old.

“I always think a good pitcher and a good catcher on a team is a big help, and a 4-hole hitter is always a good thing to have.”

When he’s not on the diamond, Perry plays hockey with the Collingwood Blues AA team.

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Op-ed: Canada Post and the shuttering of community newspapers

The shuttering of Winnipeg’s Community Review means 200,000 households will no longer get the benefit of a free community newspaper delivered to their door. It also means that more than 800 people who deliver the paper and their families will be affected.

This is an unforced error that never should have happened. How did we get here? The answer is complex.

First, there is a high degree of concentration in the flyer printing market in Canada. Montreal-based TC Transcontinental enjoys the dominant position in the marketplace thanks, in part, to a 2012 Competition Bureau-approved asset swap.

Second, municipal and provincial politicians have passed environmental regulations, however well-intentioned, have unintended consequences. Former Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante passed a municipal bylaw that led to the end of distribution of Publisac (a plastic bag with flyers and a community newspaper). Several provinces, including Manitoba, have imposed extended producer responsibility levies on printed newspapers. Ontario’s Premier Doug Ford made the wise decision to exempt newspapers from this kind of stealthy journalism job-killing tax in his province.

Third, Canada Post is the biggest culprit. TC Transcontinental, which had distributed Publisac door-to-door in Quebec, formed a strategic partnership with Canada Post,

which as a Crown corporation was not beholden to municipal bylaws. They bypassed Mayor Plante’s new regulation by distributing a curated bundle of flyers called Raddar through the national postal service. Unlike Publisac, Raddar did not include a community newspaper. On the sidelines of this saga, news publisher Métro Média and its more than 30 hyperlocal publications — including 17 print newspapers — shut down.

In partnership with Canada Post, TC Transcontinental recently expanded its Raddar offering across Canada. It is understood that Canada Post — which has a mandate to “charge postage rates that are fair and reasonable” — is offering TC Transcontinental rates below what it is offering to community newspapers. To its own benefit, the Crown corporation has effectively shut community newspapers — their private sector rivals — out of flyer distribution, lessening competition substantially in that market.

This is not the first time community newspaper publishers have felt the squeeze of Canada Post in the flyer distribution market. As of January 2024, community newspapers with commercial inserts were no longer exempt from Canada Post’s Consumers’ Choice program, which allows Canadians to opt out of receiving ‘junk mail’. Canada Post made that decision without stakeholder con-



sultation or economic/social impact analysis and failed to recognize that community newspapers — with or without an insert — are not ‘junk mail’; they are a social good.

The juxtaposition of the shuttering of Winnipeg’s Community Review at the same time as the revelation of \$30.8 million in bonuses at Canada Post has not been lost on community newspaper publishers across Canada.

What should Ottawa do about it? First, Joël Lightbound, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, should ensure the Crown corporation is treating community newspapers fairly and offering them comparable pricing to what it offers to TC Transcontinental.

Second, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage should conduct hearings into the role Canada Post can play in the sustainability of community newspapers — ensuring the relationship is one of partnership, rather than predatory and parasitic.

When a community loses a newspaper, like Winnipeg’s Community Review or Métro Média’s publications in Quebec, the information vacuum can lead to people getting their news from less than reliable sources — like AI

and social media — which can create division that drives people apart. Without a check on local government, corruption, mismanagement, and wasteful spending often flourish, which can result in higher municipal taxes and borrowing costs.

It was not foreign Big Tech monopolists like Google and Meta that caused Manitoba’s largest community newspaper to shutter. It was Canada Post.

And it’s not like we weren’t warned... Thirty years ago, in his review of Canada Post’s mandate, George Radwanski recommended that postal service get out of delivering unaddressed junk mail (i.e., flyers), concluding that the Crown corporation engaged in inappropriate practices that created unfair competition for private businesses like community newspapers.

As a former Toronto Star editor-in-chief, Radwanski knew the news business. He noted that Canada Post was actively siphoning advertising revenue away from the news industry and adroitly cautioned that the state-granted mail delivery monopoly should not be in the business of crippling the financial health of newspapers.

A healthy democracy demands a healthy community news media ecosystem. Let’s level the playing field and restore competition in the flyer distribution market before more community newspapers shutter.

Paul Deegan, who wrote this op-ed, is president and CEO of News Media Canada.

Shelburne adopts a budget policy to standardize planning for consistency over future councils

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne council has formally adopted its budget policy, establishing a standardized framework to guide the municipality in preparing, reviewing, and presenting its annual operating and capital budgets.

Council approved the policy during its July 13 meeting following a presentation from Director of Financial Services/Treasurer Carey Holmes, who said the document formalizes practices the town has already been using while providing a consistent framework for future councils and staff.

Holmes said staff recently attended the Municipal Finance Forum, where municipalities were encouraged to adopt formal budget policies to improve consistency, accountability and public trust.

The report notes that formalized policies help reduce confusion, strengthen oversight, preserve institutional knowledge and support fair, transparent decision-making.

Shelburne introduced its annual Budget Framework Report in 2020 to provide council with an opportunity to establish priorities before staff prepare a draft budget.

The new policy anchors that framework within a council-approved set of fiscal principles while working with the annual bud-

get process to align with the town’s Asset Management Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Debt Management Policy, and other financial documents.

One element of the new budget policy addresses Ontario’s Strong Mayor legislation, which altered the municipal budget process. Holmes explained that while the legislation changes how budgets are prepared and approved, the policy recognizes those requirements while remaining flexible depending on who might fill the position of mayor.

Under the policy, the annual Budget Framework Report will continue to identify proposed tax increases, staffing changes,

borrowing requirements, new operating or capital projects and any recommended changes to Strong Mayor budget timelines before a draft budget is presented to council.

The policy also defines the responsibilities of council, senior staff and department heads during the budget process; outlines how operating surpluses and deficits will be managed through reserve funds; and recognizes the budgets of external organizations such as the library, fire board and conservation authority, as part of the municipality’s annual financial planning.

Council approved the recommendation without debate.



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RIBFEST RETURNS: Thousands of people gathered for the 17th annual Orangeville Rotary Ribfest from July 17 to 19 at the fields next to the Alder Street Recreation Centre. Attendees enjoyed live music, KidsFest, a classic car show, a wide selection of ribs and other barbecue dishes. Proceeds from the event support the Orangeville Rotary Club’s commitment to the redevelopment of Rotary Park, including a \$250,000 contribution toward a new playground.



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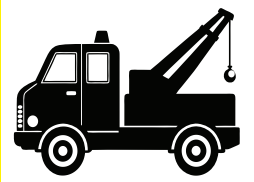
 

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Shelburne Public Library measuring its economic impact on the community

Public libraries are essential community spaces that support the people they serve.

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- Libraries are welcoming places where people of all ages and abilities can gather, learn throughout their lives, and explore local and global resources.
- By bringing people together, libraries help build connections, encourage the sharing of ideas, and support informed decision-making.
- Libraries provide free and fair access to resources and create opportunities for people from all backgrounds to learn, connect, and participate in their communities.

“Where other spaces force us into defined roles of consumer, client, employee, or student, public libraries are spaces for

unqualified humanity, where nothing is expected of us other than our respect for one another. In serving this holistic role, public libraries are the backbone of our communities,” said the Ontario Library Service.

Those who use and love their public library know the many benefits a library brings to the community, but how do we demonstrate the extent of our impact? How do we tangibly value an inherently intangible, human-based service? Well, the Ontario Library Service, in partnership with Algoma University and the Nordik Institute have found a way.

Together, they created the Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT) to help public libraries demonstrate their economic benefit. Using information and data the library already collects, the toolkit provides a Social Return on Investment (SROI): an approximate dollar value of benefit that is

created for each dollar that is invested in the library by local councils.

The framework provides the economic benefit libraries provide across seven key domains: Education, Culture, Inclusion and Wellbeing, Entertainment and Leisure, Economic Development, Civic Engagement, and Space.

The Shelburne Public Library team is currently working on completing the toolkit and looks forward to sharing the results with the community. By the end of this summer, residents will know the economic benefit and the SROI for every dollar invested in the Shelburne Public Library.

Stay tuned!

Recommended Read of the Week

Molly picked the library’s staff pick this week: *Slow Gods* by Claire North.

“Here is a book I had to read twice, in or-

der to truly grasp all of the story, as it unfolds over a century. I know, that might be a deterrent for some of you looking for quick recommendation, but even if you’re not a sci-fi fan, in general, this story has it all. Action, love, adventure, murder, thrills, cool animals and a lovely garden on an island,” Molly writes.

“If you’re a flying buff, there is a cadre of pilots who carve their way through the skies of many varieties of space. If you’re trying to figure out the expanding definitions of gender and self, there is a comprehensive yet brief explanation for all kinds of people – and robots – from all kinds of places. This is one of those stories which has the potential to capture the imagination of a generation, such as Lilith’s Brood, or Neuromancer. In short: a winner.”

-This weekly article is written by the team at the Shelburne Public Library

Dufferin OPP respond to fatal collision and impaired driving incidents throughout region

Two-vehicle Mulmur collision claims life of 71-year-old motorcyclist from Hamilton

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, along with Dufferin County Paramedic Services and local fire departments, responded to a fatal two-vehicle collision in

Mulmur on July 17.

At approximately 8:43 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to County Road 18 (Airport Road), just north of Mansfield, for a collision involving a motorcycle and a passenger vehicle. The driver of the passenger vehicle was not injured.

As a result of the collision, the motorcyclist, a 71-year-old male from Hamilton, was pronounced deceased.

Members of the OPP Technical Collision Investigation (TCI) unit attended to assist with the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage related to the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a tip online at: ontariocrimestoppers.ca

charged with operation while impaired – alcohol and operation while impaired – blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

On July 18 at about 5:56 p.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint about a possible impaired driver on Airport Road in Mulmur Township.

Police located the vehicle a short time later and conducted a traffic stop. After observing signs of impairment, officers began an impaired driving investigation.

Abhineet Dhillon, 27, of Mississauga, was charged with operation while impaired – alcohol, failure or refusal to comply with a demand, and driving a motor vehicle with an open container of liquor.

On July 19 at about 3:06 a.m., officers were on patrol on Barnett Drive in Shelburne when they conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle that drew their attention.

After observing signs of impairment, officers began an impaired driving investigation.

Samantha Bacchus, 47, of Dundalk, was charged with operation while impaired – blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

Later that day, at about 11:50 p.m., officers were conducting a RIDE spot check at Townline and Dawson Road in Orangeville when a vehicle entered the checkpoint.

Following a brief conversation with the driver, officers began an impaired driving investigation.

Debra Mugridge, 24, of Orangeville, was charged with operation while impaired – blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

All four accused are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date. Their driver’s licences were suspended and the vehicles involved were impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



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In Loving Memory of

LINDA LOU BOWMAN

MAY 16, 1947 – JUNE 28, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Linda Lou Bowman, who passed away peacefully on June 28, 2026, at the age of 79.

Born on May 16, 1947, and raised in Mimico, Toronto, Ontario, Linda lived a life defined by kindness, dedication, laughter, and an unwavering love for family and friends. She spent many years working for Bell Canada, where she built a successful career before retiring.

Linda was predeceased by her husbands, Terry Lawlor and Ernie Schneider.

She leaves behind a loving family who will cherish her memory forever: her son Duane Bowman and her daughter Jean Palmer (deceased: Mitchell). Linda was a proud grandmother to Donna (deceased), Robert, Holly, and Brayden (Britny), and a devoted great-grandmother to four great-grandchildren whom she adored.

Linda is also lovingly remembered by her sister Vicky (deceased: Davey), along with their children Kari (John) and Adam (Susie), and their daughters Cassie, Macie and Ashton. Predeceased by her parents (Leo & Jean Goetz.)

Linda was known for her vibrant personality and community spirit. A proud member of the Lioness Club, she first served with the Kipling & Queensway Branch before moving to Shelburne in 1991, where she made her home for the remainder of her life. After settling in Shelburne, she became an active member of the local Shelburne Legion Branch. Always willing to embrace new experiences, Linda even graduated from clown school, bringing joy and laughter to many along the way.

She cared deeply for her family, friends, and community. Linda was especially devoted to supporting veterans and spent countless hours volunteering and participating in activities at the Shelburne Legion, where she formed many lasting friendships and touched countless lives with her compassion, generosity, and sense of humour.

Though she will be deeply missed, her legacy of love, laughter, service, and friendship will continue to live on through the many lives she touched.

Celebration of Life
Family and friends are invited to celebrate Linda's life on:
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All who knew and loved Linda are welcome to attend and share memories as we honour a life well lived.



Four people charged with impaired driving in Dufferin County

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged four individuals with impaired driving-related offences as a result of traffic complaints, Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) programs, and proactive traffic enforcement.

On July 15, at approximately 11:42 a.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding a possible impaired driver in the area of Highway 10 and Fourth Avenue in Orangeville.

A short time later, officers located the vehicle at a fast-food restaurant on Broadway and spoke with the driver. During the interaction, officers observed signs of impairment, and an impaired driving investigation was initiated.

Nathan Bowman, 51, of Stouffville, was

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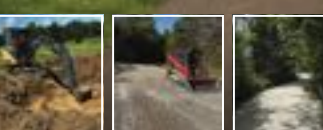
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A COMMUNITY LEGACY: Diana and Andrew retire from Shelburne Giant Tiger

Diana and Andrew have proudly called the Shelburne area home since the 1980s, where they raised their three children — Dana, Drew and Christina. Over the years, they built strong ties within the community while working on the family farm and with local retailers, including BiWay and People's, before purchasing the Shelburne Giant Tiger in late 2003.

For the past 22 years, Diana and Andrew have been dedicated to serving their customers and supporting the community that has supported them. As local business owners, they have proudly given back through contributions to the food bank, community sports teams and local schools, always believing in the importance of investing in the town they call home.

As they begin this exciting new chapter, Diana and Andrew look forward to spending more time with family and friends while embracing retirement. Their plans include swimming, golfing, gardening, travelling and discovering new hobbies and adventures.

Diana and Andrew extend their heartfelt gratitude to their loyal customers, dedicated staff and the entire Shelburne community for their years of support, friendship and trust. They leave behind countless cherished memories and wish the community continued success and prosperity for many years to come.



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