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RUNNING FOR A REASON: The Run for Honeywood fundraising event had 56 participants when it came to Mulmur on May 2. The event aims to raise awareness and funds to repair and upgrade the ageing Honeywood Arena. With \$2,800 raised and still counting, the run was described as a success by organizers, who thanked the crowd and other supporters for helping to preserve local history and recreation. See full story on Page 6.

Horning's Mills community continues to mobilize against Strada Aggregates' proposed mega quarry

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The fight against a proposed gravel pit in northern Dufferin County is entering a new phase, as residents packed the Horning Mills Community Hall this week for an update meeting with Melancthon Against Quarries focused on strategy, coordination and next steps.

The proposal by Strada Aggregates to develop a quarry site close to the rural village of Horning Mills has been a growing concern, with residents already well aware of the potential environmental and economic risks.

Those concerns were reiterated at the meeting on Monday, May 4, but the tone shifted to how the community can effectively push back. Support is strong, including on the municipal level, with Melancthon Mayor Darren White in attendance.

"I think it's potentially devastating for our water resources and some of our agricultural resources in the community to have below the water aggregate extraction in an area that is super sensitive to external inputs," he said. "It's important that the community groups that are opposing the Strada application set up something so people can know



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RALLY ON: Melancthon Against Quarries' Monday night community meeting drew dozens of locals who completely filled the local community hall. Despite the long battle, the community continues to rally against proposed quarry development that threatens the local water system and agricultural sector. Meeting with the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition, experts and members of the public shared ideas and experience, looking to develop strategies to pressure local officials into stopping the quarry from being built.

what's going on."

"I think it's also important that all members of council, or as many as possible, are at these things. And so far, I think almost ev-

erybody has been at every one of the public forums," White added.

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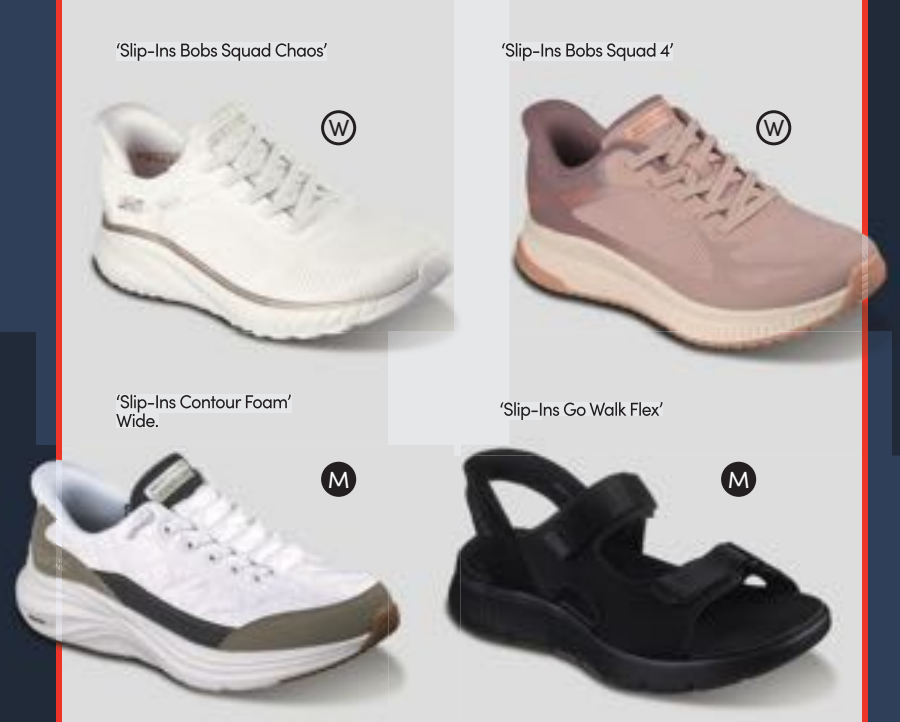
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Spring Economic Update projects \$66.9 billion deficit amid new spending initiatives

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Canada's finances came into focus last week with the release of the 2026 Spring Economic Update.

Presented on April 28, the update projects a federal deficit of \$66.9 billion for 2025-26, with \$529.6 billion in revenue and \$594.8 billion in expenses. The country's total deficit is estimated at \$1.33 trillion.

The deficit has come in \$11.4 billion below projections in the federal government's 2025 Budget.

New announcements in the Spring Economic Update include a \$25 billion Canada Strong Fund, a \$6 billion investment in skilled trades, new apprenticeship incentives, a reduction in CPP contributions, a ban on crypto ATMs and a new federal Financial Crimes Agency.

Canada continues to run large annual deficits as interest costs on the national debt remain one of the fastest-growing federal expenses, reaching nearly \$55 billion annually. While the government is positioning new spending as an investment in long-term economic growth, critics say rising debt levels and ongoing cost-of-living pressures mean Canadians are not yet seeing clear benefits in their day-to-day finances.

Conservative MP for Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle Seeback, recently spoke with the Free Press about the 2026 Spring Economic Update, outlining what he described as missed opportunities to address rising costs, rein in government spending and improve housing affordability.

"The deficit is gigantic — we're talking almost \$70 billion — which is more than double the deficit that Justin Trudeau left, and Mark Carney was supposed to be a good fiscal manager," MP Seeback said.

"There's really no plan in this update to deal with the huge increases in food inflation, and there's nothing new here for Canadians struggling with the cost of living."

MP Seeback was also critical of the growth

projections outlined in the 2026 Spring Economic Update, totalling 1.1 per cent in 2026 and 1.9 per cent in 2027.

"We continue to add more debt and deficit without really knowing how Canadians' lives are getting better, because most Canadians tell me that they're being squeezed with the cost of living," he said.

The Liberal government, under Prime Minister Mark Carney and Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne, argues that new spending aimed at building a more independent economy will benefit Canadians.

Among these efforts is the Canada Strong Fund, the country's first national sovereign wealth fund, which the government says is designed to function like a national savings and investment account that grows wealth for future generations.

The fund is receiving \$25 billion from the federal government over the next three years, and will make investments in strategic sectors, such as infrastructure, energy, critical minerals and advanced manufacturing. It is publicly owned, with returns benefiting Canadian taxpayers.

A traditional sovereign wealth fund is typically built from government surpluses and invested globally to generate long-term returns.

MP Seeback said he sees the Canada Strong Fund as less of a sovereign wealth fund and more of a rebranded version of the Canada Infrastructure Bank, which focuses on domestic investments and has faced criticism over its effectiveness.

"It's not really a wealth fund. Generally, a wealth fund is built using surplus money, and they (the federal government) don't have a surplus. They're borrowing \$25 billion to create this," he said.

"If we were creating a true sovereign wealth fund from natural resource revenues, like Norway, that would make sense. But this isn't that."

Housing affordability remains a key concern in Dufferin-Caledon and across the



KYLE SEEBACK, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

He said the federal government's removal of HST from new homes is a step in the right direction for addressing housing affordability, though more work is needed.

"We proposed incentivizing municipalities to speed up approvals and reduce development fees," MP Seeback said. "If municipalities met housing targets, they would receive bonus funding. If they didn't, some federal funding would be reduced. While at the same time, having a program to lower the cost of the fees associated with building those houses, which would get the housing prices down. That's what our policy was in the last election, and if we implemented that a year ago, along with the GST cut we talked about, the housing market would look very different today."

When asked how to reduce the spending deficit in the 2026 Spring Economic Update, MP Seeback said the amount of money spent on consultants should be reduced to what it was a little over a decade ago.

"[The government] could cut consultant spending from \$20 billion back to \$8-9 billion, where it was in 2015. That alone would save \$11 billion," he explained.

MP Seeback said government spending needs to be reduced to bring the deficit under control and prevent debt levels from rising further.

"I think it was a big missed opportunity to try and show some fiscal restraint, reduce the cost of government and demonstrate that [it] is willing to do the hard work needed to get spending under control," he said.

However, Finance Minister Champagne sees the update as a thoughtful and measured approach to supporting Canada's economy.

"The Spring Economic Update 2026 builds on the momentum of our budget, combining strategic investments with sustained fiscal discipline to keep building Canada strong for all — delivering prosperity today and strengthening our economy for tomorrow," he said.

Royal Canadian Legion donates medical bags to Shelburne and District Fire Department

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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The Royal Canadian Legion is continuing a pattern of community support in Shelburne, this time with a \$4,459 donation, including medical bags to the Shelburne and District Fire Department.

The newly donated bags are expected to play a practical role on the front lines, helping firefighters deliver more consistent emergency care.

Shelburne Fire Chief Dave Pratt said the department is extremely grateful for the Legion's continued support.

"The Legion and the Legion Ladies Auxiliary have been fantastic supporters of the fire department, and we love interacting with them," he said. "It's a perfect relationship, honestly, a symbiotic relationship where they help us, and hopefully, we can help them."

The donated equipment will be used to standardize medical loadouts across all fire engines in the department, ensuring crews have the same tools readily available no matter which vehicle responds to a call.

"With these medical bags that we've been gifted, we're going to standardize," Pratt said. "We have five apparatus, so we're going to make sure all of our medical bags are the same in equipment. That way, it doesn't matter what truck you're in, the medical bag is going to be identical. We're trying to mirror

the bags to be similar to what Dufferin EMS have, so that way it doesn't matter who needs it. If they need something from our bag, it's super easy and consistent."

That consistency is expected to improve coordination between fire crews and paramedics during medical emergencies, allowing for smoother transitions in patient care and reducing delays in critical moments.

While the donation itself marks a tangible upgrade in equipment, it also reflects a broader, ongoing relationship between the Legion and local emergency services.

Branch 220 has supported the department in the past, including previous contributions of defibrillators — life-saving devices that are a standard part of emergency response. The Legion confirmed its ongoing support for the Shelburne Fire Department in a statement prepared for the donation ceremony.

"The donations go to help veterans and the community at large," the statement read. "The grant is on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation."

Rather than a one-time gesture, the Legion's continued involvement highlights a sustained commitment to community well-being. Through repeated donations to emergency services, the organization is playing a meaningful role in enhancing public safety in Shelburne.

With the addition of the new medical bags, firefighters will be better equipped to provide consistent care on scene — another example

of how community partnerships can translate into real-world impact when seconds matter most.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

COMMUNITY DONATION: Firefighters from the Shelburne and District Fire Department travelled to the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 on May 5 to receive a cheque for nearly \$4,500. The firefighters met with Legion members and the Ladies Auxiliary, who organized and presented the donation to the department. In addition to cash, the donation included new medical bags that will standardize medical supplies across the department's fire trucks.

Ontario government enacts free fishing during Mother's Day weekend

This Mother's Day weekend, Ontario is offering families a chance to cast a line and enjoy the outdoors together for free. From May 9 to 10, Canadian residents can fish in Ontario without purchasing a licence or Outdoors Card.

"Fishing is a great way for families to make unforgettable memories while enjoying the outdoors," said Mike Harris, Minister

of Natural Resources. "Free fishing weekends are an opportunity to check out Ontario's top-notch fishing and take part in a timeless tradition that brings people together right across the province."

Recreational fishing is a key part of Ontario's economy, supporting local tourism and jobs in communities across the province. Free fishing opportunities like Mother's Day

weekend provide a chance for people to learn more about fishing on Ontario's lakes and rivers.

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OPINION

Always go straight to the top

As a person who travels around this great province quite a bit, I have a couple of regions that are my favourites.

The north shore of Lake Erie is beautiful. There are many small towns and villages along that 350-kilometre stretch of water.

There are also many wide-open, undeveloped spaces along the north shore, with beaches, some provincial parks, and a lot of wild areas where you can explore and see some amazing things.

I also like exploring the east shore of Lake Huron. There are some really beautiful, well-kept towns in that region, some great beaches, picturesque lighthouses, and wide-open areas along the lake.

I speak to a lot of locals on my travels, and they live there because they like their town and the area. Many families go back generations.

There's something good about going into the local coffee shop and seeing people you know, or taking part in a community event where you know your neighbours.

Imagine if it were discovered that right in the middle of town, there was a deposit of minerals, and authorities decided they were going to give the go-ahead to mine those minerals, and dig an open-pit mine the size of a football field in the downtown

core. That idea probably would not go over well with the townsfolk.

Imagine if it were decided that one of those nice small towns had enough land in the surrounding area to accommodate intensified housing for 100,000 people?

That also would not go over well with locals who would see their tranquil town overrun with traffic and their picturesque community turned into a solid block of concrete.

Development is going to happen, and there's a lot of good in progress, but too much, too fast, is never a good thing.

The area where I live has just received a bombshell announcement from the provincial government.

The region was declared an area of growth by the province several years ago. However, the original plan called for moderate growth in some areas, and no development at all in other areas.

Most residents were content with that plan.

Now, the province has delivered a new proposal – one that includes development on a massive scale, which blindsided both the town council and local residents.

Most residents were somewhat horrified when they learned the size of the project,

and with good reason. The first thought is, traffic alone, after adding 80,000 to 100,000 people, would be a nightmare, in a town that is simply not equipped for it and was never designed to accommodate that scale of population.

Since the plan has no plan to bring industry to the town, thousands of people would have to commute to other areas to work. That would require new highways just to accommodate thousands and thousands of people leaving town every morning.

Then there is the fact that many local residents simply think the town is currently about the right size. It's big enough to have pretty much everything you need, while still maintaining a small-town friendliness.

The first place people turn to when opposed to such ideas is, of course, town hall.

However, many Ontarians don't seem to realize that municipalities in the province have no legal right to self-government.

Local mayors and town councils exist at the pleasure of the province, and the province has the power to remove any mayor and council members and replace them at any time, as it sees fit.

Therefore, local town councils have very limited options on some decisions made

by the province, and when the province tells them it is going to build an open-pit mine in the downtown core, there is nothing they can do to prevent it.

Opposition to a provincial plan by local residents must be made at the provincial level.

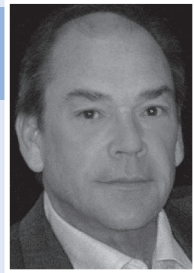
I don't want to bring any additional heat or headaches to our local MPP. He happens to be a nice guy, engages well with the public, and, I think, is doing a really good job of representing the region and helping his constituents.

However, he is still the provincial representative in the riding and must listen to the will of the people.

If organizers in opposition to this massive development plan get together and convince 25,000 or 30,000 residents to send an email of opposition to the MPP's office and cc the premier, their concerns will get noticed.

After all, if the premier decided to sell his newly acquired private jet, just a day later, due to public pressure and opposition, having the majority of residents of a town contact his office will certainly be a topic of discussion at the next cabinet meeting.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Would Cuba resist?

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio should be careful what he wishes for. Donald Trump has speculated that Rubio could be "the next president of Cuba" after the US overthrows the Communist regime that has ruled the island for the past 67 years, and this week he suggested that this takeover might be done by the US Navy "on its way home" from the Persian Gulf.

"We will be taking over Cuba almost immediately," Trump said. "On the way back from Iran, we'll have one of our aircraft carriers – maybe the USS Abraham Lincoln, the biggest in the world – we'll have that come in, stop maybe 100 yards offshore, and they'll say 'Thank you very much, we give up.'" Then he made the hands-up gesture.

Typical Trump stuff: jokey, deniable, but also menacing – and Cuba has been on his hit list for a long time. As soon as he got control of Venezuela in January, Trump cut off the oil shipments from there

that kept the Cuban economy afloat. A US takeover may really be coming – and Marco Rubio would be the ideal Gauleiter of a conquered Cuba.

His Cuban parents moved to the United States just before Fidel Castro seized power, so Rubio is American-born, but his home has always been the Cuban émigré-refugee society of South Florida. He has never actually been to Cuba (except for one brief trip to the US Naval Station at Guantanamo in 2012), but like most exiles he thinks he knows the place.

Maybe he's right, in which case he may have a splendid career ahead of him as 'president of Cuba' and then, perhaps, as President of the United States. (Post-Trump, we are told, it's either him or JD Vance.) But his personal knowledge of Cuba is as fragmentary and distorted as Maximilian's personal knowledge of Mexico before he became Emperor of the country.

Maximilian I of Mexico began life as

a humble Austrian archduke, younger brother to Emperor Franz Joseph I. Such people have no real jobs (ask Prince Harry of Britain), so he was open to offers. His best offer came from some Mexican conservatives who had just lost a civil war and were looking for a European royal as figurehead for a comeback attempt.

He was game, the American Civil War was on so the US wasn't enforcing the Monroe Doctrine, and Emperor Napoleon III of France was willing to lend a French army for the enterprise. So off they all went, and for a while it went well.

Then the US Civil War ended, Washington secretly helped Benito Juárez drive out the French army in 1867 – and Maximilian ended up in front of a Mexican firing squad. (He had the grace to say his final words in Spanish.)

It's just a cautionary tale, not a prediction, but Mexico and Cuba are the two most fiercely nationalist places in the Spanish-speaking world.

After several generations of dogmatic and incompetent Communist rule, worsened by the effects of the crippling 60-year US trade embargo and now by an outright blockade, Cubans are desperately tired and ready for change. However, 'liberation' at the hands of the perennial yanqui enemy would still be seen as humiliation by at least half the population.

This is where Rubio's private calculations about the ease of an American take-

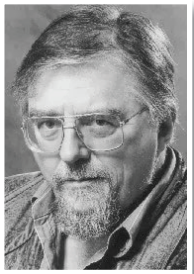
over of Cuba (and the very public ruminations by Trump on the same topic) may run aground. The opinions of people actually living in Cuba are pretty unanimous about the failures of the regime, but they are much more various in their views on the future than Trump and Rubio imagine.

One should add that the hardest-line enemies of the Communist regime have taken advantage of the easier exit rules of recent years to leave the country. Cuba's population has dropped by at least 1.5 million since 2013 (to below 10 million now), but those who left are all people who hate the regime. The ones who would fight are staying.

We cannot know how many Cubans would actually resist an American invasion by force until Trump actually tries one, but it could certainly be enough to make a real war. They would quickly lose the open warfare part, obviously, but they are pretty good at the guerilla war part.

There's no guarantee that this will happen again, but there's no guarantee it won't either. The Clausewitz of our time already has two wars on his plate in two different continents, a big one in Iran temporarily stalled by a ceasefire and a smaller one waiting to start if and when he moves against the thugs who still rule Venezuela. He really should not start another one now.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: How Shelburne Food Bank partnerships build a resilient community

The Shelburne Food Bank does not work alone. It has many community partners who have joined the fight against food insecurity, and we count on these community heroes to work alongside us to address these needs. Partnering with the food bank isn't just a charitable gesture. It's a practical, community-strengthening decision that creates real, measurable impact for both the organization and the partner.

Food banks play a vital role in addressing food insecurity, which is a lack of reliable access to enough affordable, nutritious food. This issue affects not just individuals experiencing poverty but also working families, seniors and students. By redistributing surplus food and providing essential groceries, food banks help stabilize lives and reduce strain.

Partnerships help ensure a consistent food supply for people who need it most. This directly improves health, reduces stress and allows individuals to focus on work, school and family.

Businesses, especially grocery stores, farms, and restaurants, often have surplus



food. Partnering with a food bank allows that excess to be redirected instead of thrown away, contributing to environmental sustainability.

Organizations that work with food banks demonstrate social responsibility. This builds trust and goodwill within the community and can strengthen relationships with customers, employees and stakeholders.

For companies, food bank partnerships show a commitment to ethical practices and community well-being. Donations of food or funds may be eligible for tax incentives. Additionally, reducing waste can lower disposal costs. Volunteer opportunities with food banks can boost employee mo-

rale, teamwork, and purpose. People often value working for organizations that give back. Food banks rely heavily on consistent support from businesses, nonprofits and individuals. Demand for food assistance has been rising due to factors such as inflation, housing costs, and economic instability.

Without partnerships:

- Food supply becomes inconsistent
- Distribution networks weaken
- More people fall through the cracks

Partnering with a food bank isn't just about feeding people today. It's about creating a more resilient and equitable community. When multiple sectors collaborate, the impact is multiplied: less waste, healthier populations and stronger economies.

The Shelburne Food Bank is very lucky to have so many great community partners! Weekly, we food rescue at No Frills, Foodland, Cobs, and Starbucks, and when available, at Giant Tiger and Mary Brown's Chicken, too.

New initiatives are important too, and here are the latest.

The brainchild of Jeannette French, Bob-

bi Ferguson and Kayleigh French, the Giving Spoon is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to reducing food insecurity and food waste by transforming surplus food into nourishing, ready-to-eat meals.

Giving Spoon brings volunteers together once a month in a licensed commercial kitchen to prepare nutritious meals using surplus and donated food. Meals are packaged and distributed through the local food bank. This is a pilot program, and we are delighted to partner with them to bring ready-made meals to our clients at the food bank.

Another new partnership event is from Make It Sweet, the mobile ice cream cafe that brought free ice cream to the food bank on Wednesday, May 6, from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Donations were accepted for the Shelburne Food Bank and Family Transition Place.

We love our partners! If you have an idea how your company could help the Shelburne Food Bank, please reach out to us at shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you! Become part of our village of support. Locals helping locals!

Horning's Mills community continues to mobilize against proposed Strada mega quarry

Continued from Front

Opposition to the project has largely centred on its proximity to homes, farmland and sensitive headwaters. Residents have repeatedly raised concerns about the potential for blasting to disrupt the area's limestone formations, potentially altering groundwater flow in unpredictable ways and impacting private wells.

Speakers also pointed again to the long-term implications of quarry operations, noting that projects of this scale can last decades and bring lasting changes to air quality, traffic and overall quality of life. Even modest impacts on property values, they said, could translate into significant financial losses for homeowners over time.

Larry Taman, who moderated the community meeting, said that a key concern raised was the developer's lack of experience. Community organizers said Strada has not previously undertaken a project of this nature, meaning it could effectively become responsible for managing local water systems without a proven track record.

"It's important to remember that Strada has never done this before, meaning they have no experience," he said. "If this goes ahead, we're turning our water supply, its management, over to someone who's never done this before. So in a situation in which outcomes are unforeseeable, losses are potentially very serious."

While those issues are not new, the meeting highlighted how the community's response is evolving.

Residents have now formally aligned themselves with a broader provincial network through the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition, a group that works with more than 20 communities across Ontario facing similar quarry and gravel pit proposals.

Representatives from the coalition, such as Mike Balkwill, attended the meeting to share lessons learned from other jurisdictions and outline realistic expectations for the road ahead.

He was blunt: the system is difficult to navigate and often favours development, but communities can still influence outcomes with the right approach.

"We have to be honest, it's very hard to stop them, the system is designed to say yes," he said. "It was bad enough before this government came into power, but Doug Ford has gutted all kinds of regula-



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RALLY ON: A community meeting held at the Horning Mills Community Hall informed residents on progress being made to push back against a proposed mega quarry.

tions... He's just removed as many barriers as he can."

A significant portion of the presentation focused on strategy, particularly the dual-track approach needed to oppose a project like this. With the coalition's resources, they have a large portfolio of lessons learned and experience they are willing to share.

"The Reform Gravel Mining Coalition is made up of 20 communities that are in various stages of fighting gravel pits or gravel quarries, just like you are," Balkwill said. "We work with all these communities to give them the best chance of protecting their community, protecting their health and safety and stopping the pit or quarry. That's what we try to do. What I'm here to do tonight is to share with you the best lessons from what we have."

That includes participating in the formal approval process, including potential hearings before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), while also building sustained political pressure.

Balkwill stressed that winning on technical arguments alone is unlikely.

Instead, success often depends on whether opposition becomes visible enough to influence decision-makers at the provincial level.

"Communities have no choice but to launch or participate in an OLT," he said. "It's the place where you have to go to fight these things into existence. Because the application process is designed to produce an approval, communities must also create political pressure."

"You also have to win in the court of

public opinion, as well as in the court of law."

Delaying the project was also identified as a key tactic.

"Finding ways to stall the application as long as you can work in your favour," Balkwill said. "It gives you more time to build political pressure... it creates the possibility for surprises to happen."

Municipal tools, such as bylaws, were discussed as one option.

The importance of a strong relationship between residents and local council was also emphasized. In this case, speakers noted that the municipality has already taken steps to support the community, including hiring legal counsel with experience in opposing aggregate applications.

Beyond legal and political strategies, organizers are also focusing on expanding grassroots engagement.

A newly developed website is being introduced as a central hub for information, volunteer coordination and fundraising,

with the goal of moving from a small core group to broader community participation.

The group also announced it has rebranded as the Watershed Guardians of Dufferin County, a name meant to reflect a wider focus on protecting regional water systems, farmland and environmental health.

Throughout the evening, the message remained consistent: the risks associated with the proposed quarry are already understood, but the outcome will depend on how effectively the community responds. The more noise made, and the more support seen, the better the odds of opposing the quarry.

With the process expected to unfold over several years, residents were encouraged to stay involved, contribute where possible and prepare for a sustained effort to shape what happens next.

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Mulmur 175 Run for Honeywood raises funds, builds momentum for local arena

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Mulmur 175 Run for Honeywood delivered a strong turnout and community backing, even after an uncertain start to the day.

Organized by the North of 89 Alliance, the event saw early morning snow give way to clearer skies just before the start, creating cool but favourable running conditions along the rural routes surrounding Honeywood.

Lisa Thompson, one of the organizers behind the run, said that despite the weather, the day was a strong success. She also thanked local community partners for their support on the day.

"Although we woke up to snowy skies, the weather cleared up just before the run began, making it cool but great weather for a run," she said. "We were very pleased with the turnout and the support we received. A big thank you goes to the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department for their support and Mulmur Township for supplying water, gra-

nola bars, and bathrooms. Another thank you to Shelburne NoFrills for the banana donation."

In total, 56 participants took part across the event's distances, including 35 runners in the 5K, 13 in the 10K, and eight children in the kids relay. The mix of experienced runners and first-time participants was a highlight for Thompson, who expressed gratitude to the diverse runners for their support.

"There were people that came up that had never run a 5K before," she said. We also had a group of guys that always supported North of 89 events, and they came out to run and support the arena. We really appreciate them coming and all the support they offer North of 89 Alliance and the Honeywood arena."

Fundraising efforts also showed early promise. Organizers report approximately \$2,800 raised before expenses, with final totals still to be confirmed.

Proceeds are being directed toward the Honeywood arena, a longstanding community hub in need of upgrades, reinforcing

the run's broader goal of supporting local infrastructure.

Beyond the numbers, organizers pointed to the sense of community as a defining takeaway. Returning supporters of North of 89 initiatives were joined by newcomers, helping to build momentum for future events tied to the Honeywood area.

The exposure was invaluable, bringing more attention to the preservation of local

recreational facilities, like the Honeywood Arena, that serve as community hubs in small towns across the region.

With the run now complete, the North of 89 Alliance is already turning its attention to its next major fundraiser, Cobstock 2026, a multi-day summer event set to take place Aug. 22 and 23, featuring tournaments, local food, and community activities in support of the wider North Dufferin area.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

RUNNING FOR RECREATION: The Run for Honeywood fundraising event saw great community support with 56 people in attendance. The run raised \$2,800 and counting to fund repairs and upgrades to the Honeywood Arena.

Ontario connecting more than 7,000 people to primary care in Dufferin-Caledon

The Ontario government is taking the next step toward delivering its Primary Care Action Plan, which is on track to connect everyone in the province with a family doctor or primary care provider by 2029.

As part of this plan to connect everyone in Ontario to a publicly funded family doctor or primary care team, the Ontario government is investing more than \$2,835,900 this year to connect up to 7,022 people in Dufferin-Caledon to primary care.

"Our government is taking action to improve access to primary care for families in

Dufferin-Caledon," said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon. "With this investment, we are connecting more than 7,000 residents to a family doctor or primary care team, ensuring people can access the care they need closer to home."

Dufferin Area Family Health Team (DAFHT) is a collaborative primary healthcare organization that currently supports patients of primary care providers in Dufferin County and a group in Bolton. Identified as the fund holder for this expansion funding locally, DAFHT, in partnership with the local Ontario

Health Team (OHT), was funded through the latest call for proposals under the Primary Care Action Plan.

All 124 teams receiving funding expected to connect another 500,000 patients to primary care across Ontario. Each team has established a plan to attach a high proportion of unattached people in their community, including those on the Health Care Connect waitlist.

"This funding approval is a positive step for Dufferin Caledon, providing a scaled but meaningful opportunity to strengthen team-based care across the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (OHT). In partnership with the OHT, the allocation supports immediate expansion of DAFHT programs and services, development of a lo-

cal hub, enhanced Care Days clinical offerings, and a dedicated team to support patient attachment and collaboration with primary care providers. While an initial step, it moves us closer to ensuring all residents have access to team-based primary care. As we move forward, we will actively explore further opportunities to broaden our partnerships for even more," said Lianne Barbour, Executive Director of the Dufferin Area Family Health Team.

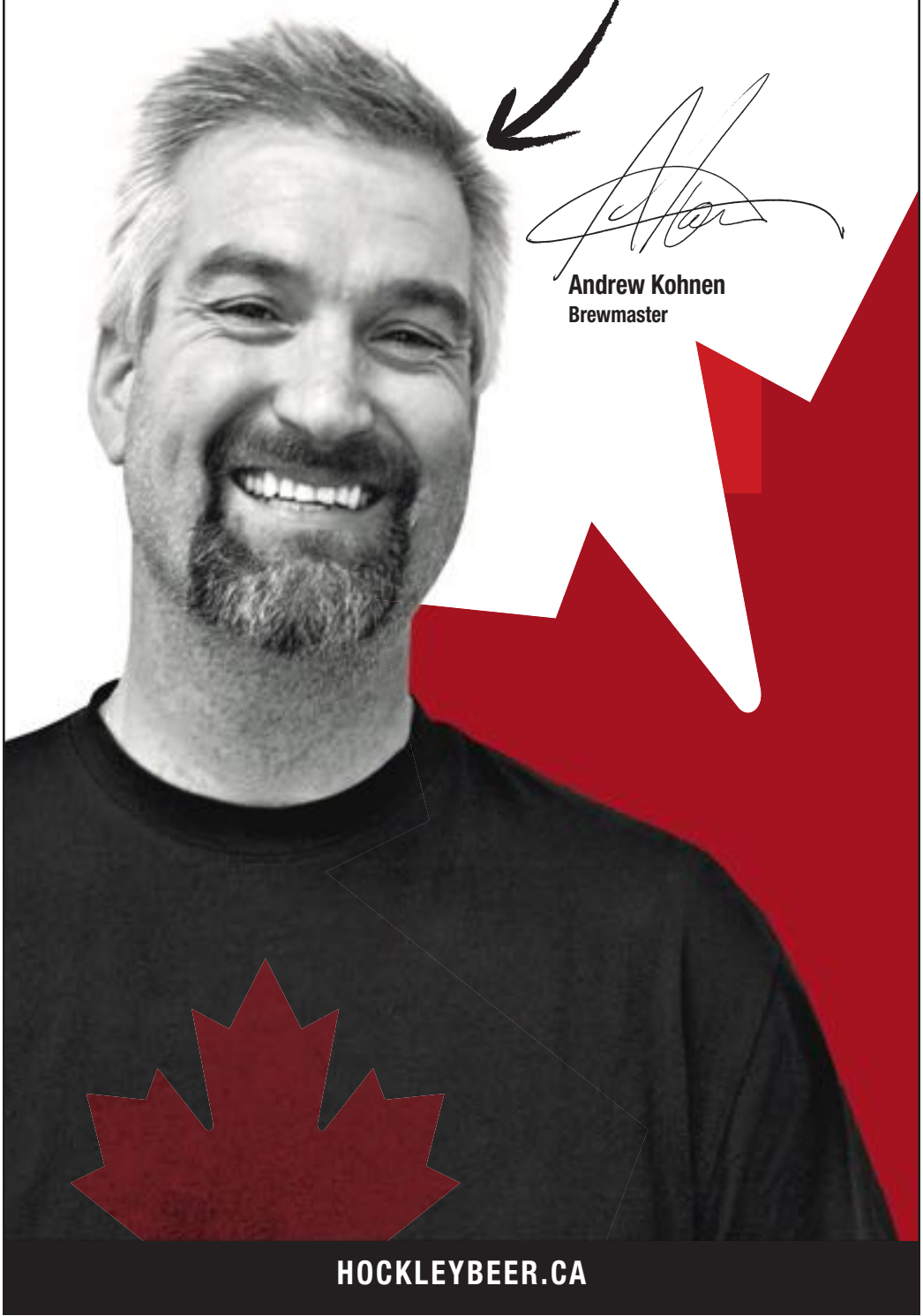
"Through our Primary Care Action Plan, we are connecting more people to care and have already exceeded our 2025-26 attachment target," said MPP Jones, who's also Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "By connecting more families to care in Dufferin County, our government is taking the next step toward."

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Friends of the Sheldon organize effort to save outdoor education centre

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Imagine looking up into the night sky, and for the first time, really seeing the stars.

For kids growing up in downtown Toronto, the night sky never really reveals itself, as the city's light obscures the true darkness above.

The Sheldon Outdoor Education Centre in Adjala-Tosorontio, just outside of Mono, offers a rural setting where city kids can see real stars and explore the outdoors in an environment totally new to them. Many of the kids are amazed by the silence of the countryside, after being used to the steady hum of traffic and sirens.

The Sheldon Outdoor Education Centre is operated by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and occupies around 200 acres of diverse field, stream, and forest habitat. It has a chalet-style main building, a renovated farmhouse, and a small operating farm.

However, it is in danger of being closed due to maintenance costs and budget limitations. The facility requires around \$3 million in maintenance to continue operating.

It has not taken any bookings for the 2025/26 school year.

A group of local educators and residents, known as Friends of Sheldon, has banded together and is urging the TDSB to keep the centre open.

The group held a community engagement event at the centre on Thursday, April 30, to encourage the School Board to keep the fa-

cility open.

Guest speakers included Sharon Edmonds, an active member of the community, business owner, and parent; Rosanne Fritzsche, a Friends of Sheldon co-founder and environmental activist and 40-year Adjala resident; and Andy Kennedy, a teacher for 20 years at the centre, volunteer firefighter at Rosemont Fire Department, and a 28-year Mono resident.

The group has penned a letter to Rohit Gupta, TDSB's supervisor, urging the school board to keep the Centre open for students.

The letter suggested ways to help keep the centre open, including renting it to community, Indigenous, and public-interest groups to create a revenue stream, as well as exploring grants or partnerships to help financially sustain the centre.

Friends of Sheldon have a genuine interest in keeping the centre open to benefit city kids so they can experience nature and the outdoors. They are encouraging other local residents to actively take part in voicing their concerns and support.

Former Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynn, herself a former Toronto District School Board Trustee, became involved with the group as she now lives locally, not too far from the centre.

"The Centre is used by kids who come up here from the city who don't have access to a natural environment," Wynn explained. "Many people love the centre and how the kids benefit from visiting. There are some kids who come here, who have never even



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RAISING AWARENESS: The Friends of Sheldon held an information session at the Sheldon Outdoor Education Centre, just outside Mono, on Thursday, April 30, and asked residents to join them in encouraging the Toronto District School Board to keep it open. The centre is at risk of closure due to mounting maintenance costs. The group says the facility is an important learning centre for kids from the city to experience the natural environment.

seen stars. The Friends of Sheldon has former educators including those who have worked there as well as many local residents."

There has not yet been a final decision on

what will happen to the centre, but Friends of Sheldon are hoping for a positive outcome that will keep it open for the next generation of city kids who will arrive to experience nature and the outdoors.

Community-driven video sheds light on domestic and sexual violence in Dufferin-Caledon

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

A new community-driven awareness video is putting a spotlight on gender-based violence in Dufferin County and Caledon, using familiar settings and lived experiences to challenge long-held assumptions about safety in rural communities.

The video, part of the "It Happens Here" campaign, was developed as an accessible educational tool designed to reach viewers where they are, both physically and emotionally. The project was conceived as something that could be shared widely online and revisited over time. The project aims to create a lasting impact rather than a one-time message.

Barbara Mason is the sexual violence community engagement facilitator with Family Transition Place and a member of Dufferin-Caledon Domestic Assault Review Team (DART). She said that by presenting real stories in recognizable local spaces, the video underscores a central idea: violence is not confined to distant places – it exists within the community itself.

"We want people to understand that this isn't something that happens somewhere else; it does happen here," Mason said. "When people watch it, you can tell that it's Orangeville... These are landmarks in our community. This is a close-to-home story. The video shares the reality of gender-based violence throughout our community through survivor voices and through their lived experience."

The video features multiple survivors sharing their personal stories of experiencing violence and how it affected them.

The project emerged through the work of the Dufferin-Caledon DART team, which meets with and consults with a survivor engagement group known as "Voices of Courage." Formed in 2010, the group includes individuals with lived experience who actively contribute to education and outreach efforts.

Members played a key role in shaping

the video, offering insight, feedback and direction throughout the process. The result is a collaborative effort that reflects both professional expertise and personal experience.

"Survivors involved in this group contributed their experiences, their feedback and their insights, which helped shape the video and its message," Mason said. "They were incredibly brave to share their stories on camera, and they have done a remarkable job to help make DART and our partners more approachable and accessible for survivors."

At its core, the video is meant to resonate on multiple levels.

For viewers, it delivers a clear message that support exists and that those experiencing violence are not alone. For survivors, it offers a sense of recognition and possibility, showing that others have navigated similar experiences and found a path forward. The storytelling approach – grounded in real voices rather than statistics – aims to create a deeper emotional connection and encourage reflection.

The campaign also highlights the unique challenges of addressing domestic and sexual violence in rural communities.

Limited anonymity, transportation barriers, and close social networks can make it more difficult for individuals to seek help.

"For example, you go to the hospital because something's happened and you need support, but you know the nurse who's working at triage," Mason said. "Or you know the officer who might get dispatched to your house might be friends with the perpetrator... There are some significant barriers around confidentiality... If you're in Toronto, you can drive a couple blocks away, and nobody has a clue who you are."

"There's the other issues of transportation. How do folks who live in rural communities access support if they don't have access to a vehicle or they don't have money for gas? If there is an emergency and it's a violent situation, how long is it going to take for someone to get there to help you?"

Concerns about confidentiality and the visibility of accessing services can discourage reporting, while geographic distance can delay access to support. These factors contribute to underreporting and complicate efforts to fully understand the scope of the issue.

Compounding these challenges are persistent misconceptions about small-town safety. The campaign directly confronts the belief that violence does not occur in close-knit or seemingly secure communities.

By placing survivor stories against a backdrop of recognizable local landmarks, the video emphasizes that appearances can be misleading and that harm often occurs behind closed doors.

It's those stories of survival that give this campaign its strength, Mason says.

"As much as 'It Happens Here' is the title, it happens everywhere," she said. "That's what gives this campaign strength. It's uni-

versal, and it's the women who chose to speak when staying silent would have been much easier for them, and their willingness to share their lived experience so openly, that's what gives this message the weight. That kind of courage doesn't just inform a campaign, it anchors it in reality, and it gives others permission to recognize their stories and feel less alone than sharing them."

Ultimately, organizers see the video as a starting point. By raising awareness and encouraging conversations, the campaign is intended to break cycles of silence and foster a more informed and responsive community.

Through shared understanding and dialogue, it aims to lay the groundwork for continued education, support, and meaningful change.

To view the video, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5_fSOv4_Rw&t=2s

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SPORTS

Shelburne U14 Thunder bring home gold from First to the Turf Tournament

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The U14 Shelburne Thunder Soccer team participated in the First to the Turf tournament held in Guelph from Friday, April 24, to Sunday, April 26, and returned home as champions.

Playing with a lot of determination and heart, the Thunder faced teams from larger communities.

The Thunder placed first in their bracket during the round-robin portion of the tournament with a 7-0 win over Cambridge, a 3-0 win against FETS, and a 1-1 tie with the London Alliance.

The wins secured their spot in the semi-finals.

In that game, they won 2-0 over Kitchener Red Academy, which earned them the right to advance to the finals.

In the final game, they faced a tough opponent – the London Alliance U14 team.

It was a tough battle from the start, and the Shelburne team was trailing 2-0 at half-time.

With six minutes left in the game, the Thunder was awarded a penalty shot and scored.

The goal gave the squad the momentum to get back into the game, and after another minute of play, the Thunder scored again to tie the game 2-2.

When the ref blew the whistle to end regulation time, the teams competed in a shootout to decide the winner.

It was a nail-biter for the fans on the sidelines as the shoot-out got underway.

The first set of shots scored for each team. The second shots were saved by the goalies.

The third and fourth shots scored, and the pressure was on the final kickers to put one over the goal line.



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BRINGING HOME THE GOLD: The U14 Shelburne Thunder soccer team travelled to Guelph to compete in the First to the Turf tournament from April 24 to 26. The team won the gold medal in the tournament final with a shootout after their game against the London Alliance ended in a 2-2 tie in regulation. Celebrating the victory are team members Kayden Biber, Victor Brown, Gilbert Chaisson, Carson French, Blake Hamill, Dante Hurtault, Gavin LeBlanc, Malcolm Magennis, Aryan Matharu, Brodie McCreadie, Tyler McInroy, Cameron Meakings, Lincoln Noble, Aaron Mahesh Raghuram, Doryan Robertson, Austin Rocha, Marcus Tulk and Israel Williams. The players stand with coaches Gary McCreadie, Andrew Magennis and Ceylan French.

The Thunder scored on their fifth shot. Shelburne goalie Aaron Mahesh Raghuram made a huge save to win the game and the

tournament.

The Thunder were awarded the Gold Medal at the tournament.

Thunder player Tyler McInroy was named player of the game due to his two goals in the final.

Centre Dufferin District High School's girls rugby team undefeated after four games

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' varsity rugby team are having a stellar season, going undefeated after four games and averaging just over a whopping 50 points per game.

It was a cool, windy day when the team ran out onto the field for game four of the season against Guelph Collegiate on Tues-

day, May 5.

The Royals squad put out a huge effort to take control of the game. They had an outstanding offensive running game and solid defensive posturing.

"I came out thinking it was going to be a tough game, but we smashed them," said Royals flanker Jaycee Aikins after the game. "I thought it was going to be a pretty even game with both teams fighting for points. I thought it was going to be one of our toughest games. On offence, I think our passes were really good – we didn't drop many passes today, everybody had their hands up and were ready. On defence our double tackles were good."

Teammate, Ta'myah Saunders, who plays prop, agreed the team dominated the field.

"I thought it was a good game," Ta'myah said. "I thought it would have been a little tougher. On offence we did good at crashing the ball and playing our fast game. One defence I think we did well at keeping low."

The Royals won Tuesday's game 38-12 to make it four in a row.

Centre Dufferin is now in second place in the District 4/10 standings.

John F. Ross from Guelph is currently in first place in the District. Ross also has a 4-0 record but takes first place on points scored.

Centennial Collegiate is in third place, followed by Orangeville District Secondary

School and Bishop Macdonell.

There are six regular-season games in the District regular-season schedule this year.

The Royals will be on the road for their two regular-season games this season.

On Monday, May 7, they will be in Guelph to take on John F. Ross.

On Wednesday, May 13, they will be in Orangeville to meet the Bears from Orangeville District Secondary School.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

STANDING IN SECOND: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' varsity rugby team host the team from Guelph Collegiate on the pitch at Centre Dufferin on Tuesday, May 5. The Royals won the game 37-12 and are in second place in the District 4/10 standings. Royals flanker Jaycee Aikins sprints down the field into the Guelph end during the second half of Tuesday's game.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

RIDLEY PALMER

As a fourth year player, Ridley Palmer has competed in girls' rugby through all her high school years.

"I love the team. We play because we love the game and the community behind the sport is so positive," Ridley said of why she likes playing rugby. "The girls are all such good buddies, and the coaches are wonderful."

In addition to rugby, Ridley competes on the school's rugby team.

"Westling is very rewarding, because you go as hard as you can and as best as you can, against someone else's best."

Ridley is a key player on the CDDHS girls' rugby team.

TEAM: CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VARSITY RUGBY

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Dufferin paramedic service reduces time lost to offload delays

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

The Dufferin County Paramedic Service (DCPS) reached milestones over the last year that bode well for the service into the future.

Gary Staples, the county's chief paramedic, said health care has experienced a number of pressures when county council met on April 23. That reality extends across all health service branches, from paramedics to acute care, long-term care, and home care.

"All of these pressures and financial constraints do have this sort of downstream effect where people are left with limited options for health care," he said. "In the end, it typically relies on 9-1-1."

Paramedics pick up people and ferry them to a hospital, even though it is recognized that it isn't often the most appropriate place for those people to receive care, he said.

But it is their only option.

"These ongoing pressures kind of fuel the fire of other issues that we have such as offload delay at hospital, Code Zero," Staples said.

Offload delay refers to times when paramedics can't transfer patient care to the hospital emergency department staff. It forces patients to sometimes linger for hours on stretchers due to emergency department congestion. That congestion may be caused by the presence of patients who don't need to be there.

A Code Zero occurs when no ambulances, or only one, are available to respond to

9-1-1 calls in an area. Similarly, a Code Red refers to a shortage in which one to three ambulances are available to respond in a large jurisdiction.

"So we're bringing more patients into (the emergency department) that don't need to be there, and that's driving our call volumes up and other issues that we're experiencing in hospital," Staples said.

Councillor Chris Gerrits, Amaranth's mayor, asked if there is an acceptable number of hours lost by paramedics due to offload delay.

Staples said a paramedic service's goal is to lose no hours to offload delays. But, given the current circumstances, that goal just isn't achievable.

"We're going to have offload delay," he said. "We're going to have times where we have no ambulances. I think we just need to continue to work with our partners to try to improve processes and ensure that we do have ambulances clearing quickly."

According to a 2025 service evaluation, operational performance remained strong. DCPS met or exceeded legislated and council-approved response time standards across all Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) categories.

Call volume and patient transports continued to trend upward in alignment with demographic growth and an aging population, with residents aged 65 and older accounting for nearly half of total calls.

Despite ongoing healthcare system pressures, DCPS achieved measurable improvements in hospital offload delay, reducing lost paramedic hours by 16 percent com-

pared to the previous year.

Coun. Philip Rentsch, who is also the Grand Valley's deputy mayor, said the county's paramedics lost about 300 hours through offload delay. He asked what that would be as a percentage of hours over a year.

Staples said the total hours for 2025 would be 40,000 hours.

"It is a very low percentage," Staples said. "I think the better comparable is the number of transports resulting in offload delay. At about 19 per cent of the time, we are at 30 minutes or greater [when] transferring patients at the hospital."

And that's a reasonable number.

"The majority of the time we are less than one hour," he said. "It would be nice to be under 30 (minutes) all the time but we can't always prevent times where we have a large number of ambulance going to the hospital at one time."

Thirty minutes is the provincial standard, he said.

Staples said resources such as the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS), which has been implemented in Dufferin County over the last year, will help prevent times of ambulance shortages.

Implemented in December, the MPDS introduces a standardized, clinically validated approach to emergency medical call-taking that improves triage accuracy, resource prioritization, and pre-arrival instructions.

It is said to enhance patient safety, support evidence-based decision-making, and the system contributes to sustainability and improved management of service pressures.

The dispatch system complements a completed Paramedic Service Masterplan and Service Delivery Review that provides a forward-looking roadmap to guide service delivery, workforce planning, infrastructure development, and response strategies in the context of population growth and increasing call complexity, particularly in expanding communities such as Orangeville, Shelburne, and Grand Valley.

The review reinforces existing strengths while identifying opportunities for targeted enhancements, data-driven decision-making, and operational innovation.

The Community Paramedic Program continued to play a vital role in supporting vulnerable residents by providing care in patients' homes and connecting them with appropriate community and healthcare resources.

The program completed more than 2,000 in-person visits in 2025 and benefitted from extended provincial funding, ensuring continuity of care for those most in need while reducing unnecessary emergency department visits.

Overall, 2025 reflects a year of stability, innovation, and readiness for the future. With strong partnerships, dedicated staff, and a clear strategic direction, the county's paramedic service remains well-positioned to meet the evolving needs of the community while maintaining the highest standards of care.

"Providing more options for individuals in our community to access appropriate health care at the right time is really the way to go," Staples said.

Recharge your mind: Community Wellness Expo offers midweek escape in Mono

The Well-Comm Network invites the community to experience a heart-centred day of wellness, connection, and inspiration at the upcoming Community Wellness Expo.

The not-for-profit, community-focused event is taking place on Wednesday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Monora Park Pavilion.

The expo is designed to create a welcoming space where individuals can step away from the busyness of daily life, reconnect with themselves, and explore a wide range of holistic wellness experiences and vendors.

Held midweek, the expo offers the perfect opportunity to step away for a few hours, whether dropping in over lunch or taking a well-deserved mental health day to reset and recharge.

The expo will feature local wellness practitioners, vendors, and interactive offerings, including crystals, energy healing, intuitive guidance, natural health products, and personal growth services.

Throughout the day, attendees can also take part in a selection of complimentary 30-minute wellness experiences, including:

- An Energy Reset
- Sho-Tai Body Analysis

- Chair Yoga
- 9D Breathwork
- Inner Fire Astrology
- The Power of Protein
- Spirit Talk
- A closing Cacao Ceremony

"This event is all about creating a space where people can slow down, reconnect with themselves, and discover the support that's available within our local wellness community," said Deborah Kolody, founder and community builder at The Well-Comm Network.

Admission is \$10 and includes a \$10 vendor coupon valid the day of the event, plus

workshops.

The first 50 attendees to register will also receive a complimentary Gratitude Bag.

Workshops are available on a first-come basis due to limited seating.

The Well-Comm Network is a not-for-profit, heart-centred community that connects wellness seekers with trusted wellness professionals through wellness workshops, expos, their online directory, and, launching in May, just before the Expo, their Wellness eMagazine called "The Unfolding."

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Dufferin fights dementia: Community gears up for annual Walk for Alzheimer's

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

At the end of the month, hundreds of people will gather at Island Lake Conservation Area in Orangeville for the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County's annual walk fundraiser.

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's returns on Sunday, May 31, bringing together individuals and teams across Dufferin County in support of those living with dementia and the caregivers who support them.

"Dementia can feel isolating, and this event reminds families and caregivers that they are not alone. Seeing the community show up, walk, and support them creates a sense of connection, understanding, and hope that is truly meaningful," said Jenna Hunter, the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County's community outreach coordinator.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with arrival and registration, followed by the walk at 10 a.m. Closing remarks and recognition of top fundraisers are scheduled for 11:30 a.m., with refreshments served at noon to celebrate the community's efforts.

"Every dollar raised stays right here in Dufferin County. The funds directly support local programs such as caregiver support groups, one-on-one counselling, social and recreational programs for those living with dementia, and educational resources for families and the community," said Hunter. "It also helps fund Dementia Friendly Community initiatives, ensuring local businesses and organizations are better equipped to support those affected."

The Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County estimates that more than 1,500 people in the county are living with dementia. Across

Canada, about 771,000 people are currently affected, a figure expected to rise to 1 million by 2030 and 1.7 million by 2050.

"Events like the Walk for Alzheimer's are essential because dementia continues to impact more and more families each year," said Hunter. "Keeping this event going ensures that support, awareness, and funding remain strong in our community. It also creates a space where people can come together, feel less alone, and be part of something bigger than themselves."

The annual walk is the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County's primary fundraising event, and ensures the not-for-profit organization can continue making a tangible impact on families and individuals throughout the region.

"We've seen firsthand how these funds translate into real support more families accessing services, expanded programming, and increased awareness across the community. Whether it's a caregiver finding support for the first time or a family feeling understood and connected, the impact is both immediate and lasting," said Hunter.

She said she encourages everyone in the community to participate and support the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County's mission to improve the quality of life for individuals and caregivers affected by dementia.

"Whether you walk, donate, or simply show up to support, you are making a difference. It's a meaningful, uplifting event, and you'll leave feeling connected and inspired knowing you helped support families in your own community," Hunter said.

Local businesses and organizations are also encouraged to get involved. Sponsorship opportunities are available, offering



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READY FOR RETURN: The annual Walk for Alzheimer's fundraiser is returning to Island Lake Conservation Area on Sunday, May 31.

a way to support staff, clients and families affected by dementia.

"The walk brings together a wide range of participants families affected by dementia, caregivers, healthcare workers, local businesses, community groups, and individuals who simply want to make a difference," Hunter said. "It's incredibly powerful to see people of all ages and backgrounds walking side by side."

She added, "We also emphasize that you don't need a personal connection to dementia to make an impact just showing up and supporting your community makes a difference... Every step taken and every dollar raised helps ensure that no one facing dementia in Dufferin County has to do it alone. We're so grateful for the continued support and can't wait to see everyone on May 31."

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Recommended Read of the Week
The Frozen People by Elly Griffiths was recommended by library staff member Beverly Ford-Arnold.

This book is the first in a new series by Elly Griffiths. Griffiths is well known for her other two series: the Ruth Galloway series,

about a forensic anthropologist in Norfolk, the Brighton Mysteries, about a detective and a magician, and her Harbinder Kaur series, which mainly takes place in London. I enjoyed the three other series and was sorry when they ended.

However, this new series has a sci-fi twist that adds another dimension to a detective series. Ali Dawson, the protagonist, and her "cold case team investigate crimes so old, they're frozen—or so their inside joke goes." The secret is that they can travel back in time to look for evidence. Initially, they would just travel back a few years,

but in their new case, Ali has to go back in time to 1850 to try to clear the name of the great-great-grandfather of one of the government ministers. We get interesting tidbits about how uncomfortable women's clothing was in the 1850's (think Corsets) and how cold it was in homes with no central heating. We also hear how difficult it is to travel around London with limited transportation options. But the real twist comes at the end—but you will have to read it to find out. Available in large print.

This weekly article was submitted by the team at the Shelburne Public Library.

Dufferin OPP charge 71-year-old Melancthon resident with impaired driving following traffic complaint

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a Melancthon resident with an impaired driving-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On May 1, at approximately 7:05 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a report of a

possible impaired driver in the area of Main Street in the Town of Shelburne. Officers located the vehicle of interest and conducted a traffic stop. After speaking with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Jim Ball, 71, of Melancthon, has been charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear before

the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charge.

As a result of the investigation, the accused's driver's licence was suspended and their vehicle was impounded. None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

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• Ricotta & Spinach • Swiss

SAVE \$2

INCREDIBLE PRICE

2.99 each



Stuffed, Breaded Chicken
142 g

Choose from:
• Broccoli and Cheese
• Kiev • Parmesan • Swiss

INCREDIBLE PRICE

29.99

SAVE \$10

Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts
8-12 BREASTS 1.36 kg



Seniors Day
Every Tuesday
10% off
Regular Priced Items!

BACK TO OUR LOWEST PRICE OF THE YEAR*

*Lowest price of the year matches the lowest price of 2026 to date.



Beef Lo Mein

SAVE \$5

INCREDIBLE PRICE

16.99 each



Lemon Herb Chicken and Pasta



Chicken Fajitas

SAVE \$5

INCREDIBLE PRICE

19.99 each



Beef Stroganoff

Other varieties available: • NEW! Chicken Parmesan & Spaghetti • Chicken Stir Fry • Creamy Rosé Chicken & Pasta • NEW! Shrimp Fettuccine Alfredo • NEW! Creamy Tuscan Style Chicken and Pasta \$16.99 SAVE \$5

INCREDIBLE PRICE

6.99 each

SAVE \$3

North Atlantic Salmon
142 g



SIGNATURE ENTRÉES 17.99 each SAVE \$2

 <p>Stuffed Pasta Shells 1.02 kg</p>	 <p>Classic Beef Stew 850 g</p>	 <p>Braised Beef Pappardelle Pasta 850 g</p>
 <p>Supreme Stuffed Peppers 4 PIECES 907 g</p>	 <p>Loaded Perogy Bake 907 g</p>	 <p>Butternut Squash Ravioli Bake 907 g</p>

SIMPLY DELICIOUS MAINS

 <p>Lightly Crusted Garlic and Herb Haddock 4-5 PIECES 500 g</p>	 <p>Lightly Crusted Lemon Pepper Sole 4-5 PIECES 540 g</p>	 <p>Herb and Garlic Shrimp Skewers 4 SKEWERS 365 g</p>
 <p>Apple Butter Pork Tenderloin 400 g</p>	 <p>Pork Schnitzel 5-7 PIECES 650 g</p>	

START YOUR BBQ

 <p>Bacon Wrapped Chicken 4 PIECES x 142 g / 5 oz</p>	 <p>Fully Cooked Tasty Burgers™ 16 BURGERS x 80 g / 2.82 oz</p>	 <p>SmashHouse Angus Beef Burgers 8 BURGERS x 113 g / 4 oz</p>
 <p>Sausages 8-9 PIECES 900 g 2 Varieties Also available, Frankfurters 18 PIECES 1 kg \$17.99 SAVE \$2</p>	 <p>Lemon & Herb Chicken Skewers 4 PIECES 300 g Also available, Island Style Chicken Skewers 4 PIECES 300 g \$12.99</p>	 <p>Cheddar & Bacon Stuffed Beef Burgers 4 BURGERS x 170 g / 6 oz</p>

TREAT MOM TO A HOMEMADE-ISH DINNER

SAVE \$2

17.99 each



Chicken and Pineapple Mini-Skewers
20 SKEWERS 500 g

SAVE \$2

9.99 each



Classic French Style Mini Quiche
16 PIECES 340 g
2 Varieties



Sausage Rolls
26-28 PIECES 500 g

TREAT MOM TO DINNER PARTY SIZE MEALS 1.81 kg SERVES 6-8 PEOPLE SAVE \$5

 <p>Cabbage Rolls</p>	 <p>Deluxe Meat Lasagna</p>	 <p>Homestyle Shepherd's Pie</p>
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TREAT MOM TO DESSERT

 <p>Mini Cream Puffs 250 g</p> <p>Also available, Caramel Cream Puffs 240 g \$5.99 SALE</p>	<p>SALE</p> <p>5.99 each</p>	 <p>Mini Eclairs 12 PIECES 200 g</p>
<p>8.99 SALE</p> <p>Portuguese Style Custard Tarts 6 PIECES 450 g 2 Varieties</p>	<p>SALE</p> <p>5.99 each</p> <p>Cakes 2 CAKES 228 g - 280 g 2 Varieties</p>	 <p>Caramel Sea Salt</p>

INCREDIBLE PRICE

14.99

SAVE \$5



Chicken Strips
680 g

Also available, Cheesy Nacho Chicken Strips 680 g \$14.99 SAVE \$5



Deep Dish Chicken Pie
907 g

SAVE \$5

12.99 each



Homestyle Shepherd's Pie
907 g

Also available, Deep Dish Beef and Vegetable Pie 907 g \$12.99 SAVE \$5

SINGLE SERVES 275 g - 340 g

 <p>Cabbage Rolls</p>	<p>SALE</p> <p>4.99 each</p> <p>CHOOSE FROM 22 VARIETIES.</p>
	 <p>Chicken Pad Thai</p>

OUR CLASSIC FAVOURITES OUR GLUTEN-FREE FAVOURITES

 <p>Bruschetta Flatbread 515 g</p> <p>Other flatbreads available: • Gourmet Double Pepperoni 480 g • Hot Honey & Chicken 480 g • Gourmet Mushroom & Black Truffle Oil 460 g \$9.99 SAVE \$3</p>	<p>SAVE \$3</p> <p>9.99 each</p>
	 <p>Gluten-Free Margherita Pizza 330 g</p> <p>NEW!</p>
 <p>Breaded Chicken Breasts 8 PIECES 907 g</p> <p>3 varieties to choose from: • Original • Spicy • Crispy</p>	<p>24.99 each</p>
	 <p>Country Style Chicken Breasts 6-10 PIECES 907 g</p>

EVERYDAY LOW PRICES

 <p>Spanakopita 12 PIECES 340 g</p>	 <p>Breaded Calamari Rings 340 g</p>	 <p>Mini Franks in Pastry 15 PIECES 279 g</p>
 <p>Vegetable Egg Rolls 10 PIECES 570 g</p> <p>Also available, Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls 16 PIECES 384 g \$9.99</p>	 <p>Chicken Spring Rolls 6 PIECES 432 g</p>	 <p>Jalapeño Wontons 12 PIECES 223 g</p>
 <p>Popcorn Chicken 680 g</p>	 <p>Beef Empanada Bites 12 PIECES 240 g</p>	 <p>Deluxe Deep Dish Pizzas 160 g</p> <p>Pepperoni</p>



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