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Residents raise concerns over county housing

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

A group of local residents living in a Dufferin County housing complex say long periods of noise, sleepless nights and repeated complaints have left them frustrated with what they believe has been a lack of meaningful action from housing officials.

Several residents at 227 Williams Street in Shelburne recently spoke about their experiences at the complex, living with what they describe as a loud and unruly tenant, asking that their identities be withheld due to concerns about ongoing tensions within the building.

One resident, Angela Kennedy, was willing to speak on the record and described what she said was two weeks of constant noise that left her sleep-deprived.

"For about two weeks straight, I was able to get maybe a couple hours of sleep," she said. "It was the pounding and the yelling and the screaming and the music playing over and over and over again. They put on Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, or Baby Shark, and it just goes on and on, it doesn't stop."

The music, screaming and banging from a fellow tenant are at the centre of their concerns, and continue to occur at various hours of the day and night.

Some residents say the problems have persisted for years, while others who moved into the building more recently say the situation has made it difficult to comfortably live in their apartments.

One anonymous resident said they moved in recently and can't regularly sleep in their apartment because of the noise.

"I moved [here] in 2026," the resident said. "I have slept, maybe, three weeks in the time being in my apartment because I cannot tolerate it. I have trauma, PTSD. The screaming, the loud music has affected my mental health."

They said they regularly stay elsewhere to avoid the noise.

Residents said the impact has extended far beyond an inconvenience.

The disturbances that continue to disrupt their sleep can continue throughout the night before beginning again following only a short break. One resident said the sleep deprivation has affected their mood and ability to function normally.

Residents added that they have repeatedly attempted to address the situation through complaints to housing officials and calls to police. They say recordings and documentation of the disturbances have also been provided to the County of Dufferin.

Their largest concern, however, is what they describe as a lack of progress despite those efforts.

Kennedy and the other residents recalled a meeting with county housing officials attended by approximately 15 people from the complex. They said they entered the meeting hopeful that having several residents describe similar experiences would lead to a solution.

"When we had the meeting, I came in with

a good feeling. I'm thinking, finally, they're going to hear from everybody because we had 15 people show up here, 15 different residents show up here, and they all were saying their piece. We had videos, we had recordings. I thought that the meeting was going to go in our favour. Finally, they're going to do something."

Instead, Kennedy and the residents alleged that county staff had a very different reaction.

"They just looked at us," Kennedy said. "They said, 'If you don't like it, you can always move,'"

For those who attended, the response left them feeling as though their concerns had been dismissed rather than addressed.

"Like moving is the easiest thing to do, just pick up and leave," Kennedy said. "They're not willing to fix the problem."

The Shelburne Free Press reached out to the County of Dufferin for comment, and the county confirmed that a meeting did take place with tenants, but declined to comment further.

"Dufferin County hosted a meeting for all tenants at 227 William Street in June to review the complaint policy/process with those who attended," the county said. "In regard to 227 William Street, forms that must be completed to file a concern are available in the common room at this location. To protect privacy, the county cannot comment on individual tenant cases."

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JIM CUDDY JAMBOREE: A crowd gathers at Lyric Pond in Mulmur for the 21st annual Jim Cuddy Jamboree on Sept. 3. The annual event brings the community together in support of local causes, with this year’s proceeds benefiting the Honeywood Arena Renovation Project and the Honeywood Firefighters Association and Creemore Firefighters Association.



GAVIN WALKER PHOTOGRAPHY

Melancthon to hold election candidates meeting at Hornings Mill’s Community Hall

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

Ahead of the upcoming fall 2026 municipal elections, Melancthon residents are organizing an all-candidates information night on Sept. 16 at the Hornings Mills Community Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

This information night is designed to allow residents to meet directly with all candidates running for election in their municipality.

Karren Wallace, director of legislative services and clerk for the Township of Wellington North and an active resident of Melancthon, said the event is not something locals should miss, as municipal government

directly affects everyday life.

“Municipal governments are the closest to the people and have the most direct impact on our lives,” she said. “An all-candidates meeting gives the opportunity for everyone to know the candidates and their issues. In the 2026 election, Melancthon has 10 candidates wanting to fill three council seats, and we have a race for mayor. People need to get out and get informed.”

The meeting is designed to be an accessible forum for residents to listen directly to candidates’ campaigns, goals, and priorities, and to ask questions about local issues.

Candidates will be seated together at the front of the meeting room at a shared table and will be given a microphone to share

throughout the meeting. Seating order will be in order of arrival from left to right.

The speaking order will be determined by position and alphabetical order, starting with the mayoral candidates, and finishing with councillor candidates.

To begin, each candidate will have a two-minute window for introductions, two minutes to answer a question from the public, and one minute for closing statements at the end of the meeting.

Audience members who wish to ask questions must introduce themselves by name and confirm whether they are a resident of Melancthon, though non-residents may still ask questions.

Questions must be appropriate and with-

in the jurisdiction of the municipal government.

All rules will be explained by a neutral moderator who will be overseeing the meeting. The moderator will also determine if questions are relevant to the meeting and will enforce etiquette rules. Personal attacks, interruptions, booing, cheering and off-topic conversations are prohibited to ensure a smooth meeting and that all candidates’ time is respected.

The meeting will be an important opportunity for residents to directly engage with municipal leaders in a controlled environment ahead of the election, allowing community members to hear directly from candidates about their platforms and goals.

Dufferin Oaks to host tours and conversations for first Community Engagement Day

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne is opening its doors to the public for an afternoon of tours, exhibits and conversation on Sept. 18 for Community Engagement Day.

Diane Whitten-Franks, administrator of Dufferin Oaks, said the day is meant to reinforce a simple message: residents don’t stop being part of the community when they move into long-term care.

“They remain parents, grandparents, neighbours, volunteers, mentors, and friends,” she said, adding that the relationships residents keep with family, friends and local organizations play a real role in their well-being.

The event runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at the long-term care home, and is open to the public, though attendees were asked to RSVP by Sept. 4 so staff could plan for food and space. However, Whitten-Franks said anyone who missed the RSVP window is still welcome to stop by.

The afternoon will open with remarks from Whitten-Franks, Dufferin Oaks CAO, and a representative from Family Council. Attendees can expect information tables, an exhibit from the Museum of Dufferin, guided tours of the home, and a presentation on Dufferin Oaks’ departments and services. Light refreshments will be provided by Destined to Bake, the home’s on-site café operator.

Whitten-Franks said the Museum of Dufferin display, which will include photos tracing the home’s history, is likely to be a highlight of the day, along with the tours.

Dufferin Oaks houses 160 people, and Whitten-Franks said community visits, whether from a daycare group, a choir or a volunteer dropping in for a chat, add variety and a sense of normalcy to daily life at the home.

“It gives residents opportunities to meet different people, have new experiences and stay connected to what is happening outside of Dufferin Oaks,” she said.

Among the home’s regular partners are the Shelburne Public Library, which brings in books for residents to borrow, and the Museum of Dufferin, which periodically sets up historical displays that Whitten-Franks said tend to spark conversation and old memories.

EarlyON and Highland Daycare visits give residents time with younger children, while the United Church, Abiding Place Ministry and the Seventh-Day Adventist Choir are among the faith groups that visit regularly. The Pine River Choir and other entertainers also perform at the home, alongside monthly music therapy sessions and physiotherapy services.

Whitten-Franks pointed to residents who were once teachers as an example of how those visits can land.

“A few of our residents have been teachers, and you see that when the children come into the home, that really brings that teacher history back out in them,” she said.

Halloween is one of the more anticipated visits of the year, when children from local daycares come through the home in costume.

“That’s not only for the residents, but the staff here — it’s one of our favourite days,” Whitten-Franks said.

Therapy animal visits draw a similar response.

Whitten-Franks recalled a resident moved



FILE PHOTO

OPEN DOORS: Dufferin Oaks is opening their doors for tours and conversation at it’s Community Engagement Day on Sept. 18.

to tears during a recent puppy visit.

“She was just so happy to hold the puppy and have that experience,” she said, adding that staff feel it too. “It’s so rewarding. When you see them crying, it brings tears to your eyes too.”

As a county-run home, Dufferin Oaks depends on support from Dufferin County council and local ratepayers, Whitten-Franks said. She noted that long-term care homes across the province are managing increasingly complex resident needs alongside workforce and funding pressures. Despite that, she said the county remains committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality care.

Whitten-Franks said she hopes the event pushes back on a narrow public picture of long-term care. She said media coverage tends to focus on the rare cases where something goes wrong, often missing the day-to-day relationships built by nurses, personal support workers, dietary and housekeeping staff, recreation staff and others.

“They come to work each day determined to make a positive difference in residents’ lives,” Whitten-Franks said.

This is the first year Dufferin Oaks has hosted Community Engagement Day. Whitten-Franks said the turnout will help shape how the home approaches the event in future years.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices (2nd Floor), 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

1) Application for Consent B26/02 – The Owner has submitted an application for Consent (Lot Line Adjustment) for the properties municipally known as 20 School Road and 18 School Road, geographic Township of Amaranth, in the Town of Shelburne, County of Dufferin.

The proposed Consent application will facilitate a lot line adjustment between 18 School Road and 20 School Road, whereby approximately 38.1 square metres of land identified as Part 2 on Plan 7R6441 will be transferred from 18 School Road to 20 School Road. The proposed adjustment will modify the shared property boundary between the two existing lots and will not result in the creation of a new lot.

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

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

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Streams marks 10 years of creating creative spaces for youth

There is a photograph from the very beginning of Streams that I love. Four of us are sitting in a room talking about the future: our three board members at the time, Marva Tynedale, Tanya Fowlow and me, along with Andrew, my co-founder in Streams and in life. We are planning an organization that does not yet exist.

There is another image from those early days that feels just as telling. I am sitting at our glass kitchen table, writing program ideas directly onto the tabletop with a dry-erase marker. That was Streams before there was much of anything else: a kitchen table, and a few people with an idea, and if I am being honest, an idea that was not always particularly clear.

At one point Andrew and I invited a group of friends into our living room to pitch them our vision. These were the sort of friends who could call each other and say, “We have an idea.”. Back then, Streams was going to be a community coffeehouse, with a stage where young artists could perform, walls where visual artists could show their work, and room for musicians, actors and creatives to engage with the community around what they were making.

Our friends looked at us like we were nuts, and in fairness, we kind of were. But there was something underneath that early idea that was real. We just did not yet have the language for it. It took older, wiser and more experienced voices around us to help us mine the idea: What were we actually trying to create? Who was it for? What need were we trying to meet? Little by little, Streams be-



gan to take shape.

This October, Streams turns 10. There is gratitude in writing that number, and also a fairly substantial dose of: how on earth are we still standing? Because 10 years of community work is expensive. I mean that financially, certainly, but I also mean it in every other sense. This has been sacrificial work, with long days and sleepless nights, and gaps in money, in capacity and in people, between what we knew and what we needed to know.

I have often told our staff that we are building the plane while we fly it. From the ground, perhaps the plane looks impressive enough. Inside, there are roughly four hamsters running furiously on wheels trying to keep the thing in the air. And somehow, here we are.

But if you ask me what I am proudest of after 10 years, it is not the plane. It is the people.

I still remember our very first program registration. We had set the full registration fee at \$125 and offered a half-price option of \$62.50 for families who needed it. The first family to register paid the full amount, and then they paid for somebody else. They were not the only ones who did that. I remember thinking, now I know what this community is made of.

Before we had much infrastructure, before

we had years of programs or productions or a Hub of our own, people understood something fundamental about what we were trying to build. There should be room. If one child could access an opportunity, perhaps we could make room for another. That instinct has carried Streams for 10 years.

And in that time, the children grew. Some of the little ones who came through our doors in the early years are teenagers and young adults now. Some have come back to work, volunteer, lead and mentor. Some will be part of our 10th anniversary celebration, telling their own stories about what this place has meant to them. I am glad they will, because they tell the story better than I ever could.

You can count programs and performances and registrations. You can measure scholarships and audiences and hours of instruction. But the thing I am proudest of is harder to put into a spreadsheet. It is the young person who found somewhere safe, the child who discovered something in themselves, the teenager who found confidence. It is the friendships. The belonging. The transformation that happens when a young person is given space to be fully known, fully encouraged and challenged to become more of who they already are.

This work has never felt more necessary. That is what we are gathering to celebrate on Oct. 6: 10 years of it, together, in front of the whole community. We’re calling it The Good Old Fashioned Telethon: three hours of live broadcast on Rogers Dufferin, also streamed online for anyone watching from home.

There will be performances, stories, famil-

iar faces, a few surprises, and, yes, we will be asking people to give. But I hope when people hear that ask, they understand what they are actually being asked to invest in.

You may think you are giving us money to buy paint and canvases. You are. You may think you are helping us pay for scripts, props, instruments, instructors or a place for a child to spend an afternoon. You are.

But underneath all of that, you are helping create a chance. A safe place to land before life convinces a young person that they do not belong anywhere. A place to find people before isolation takes hold. A place to discover capability before a label becomes an identity. A place to make something, perform something, learn something, belong somewhere and begin to imagine a future larger than whatever circumstances may be pressing in around them. You are helping give young people the chance to become every bit of who they were born to be.

Ten years ago, we were writing ideas on a kitchen table. Ten years later, I look around and see young people whose stories now contain Streams. That is humbling, and it is also why we are still running those hamster wheels.

On Oct. 6, we are going to stop for a few hours and celebrate what this community has built. And then, God willing, we will keep building, because there are more kids coming through the door, and there needs to be room for them too.

This week's Community Voice column was written by Juli-Anne James, executive director of Streams Community Hub.

Headwaters Health Care Centre and county make progress on new ambulance deal

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

The contract for ambulance service between Dufferin County and Headwaters Health Care Centre has been extended again while both sides seek common ground to form a new agreement.

After about eight months of talks to that end, there is just one issue outstanding before a new contract can be inked, said Gary Staples, chief of Dufferin County Paramedic Services.

He said that issue could be resolved in the coming weeks.

Dufferin County council supported the development of a comprehensive 2025 paramedic service master plan and service de-

livery review carried out by Operational Research in Health (ORH) Ltd. The final report was received in early 2026.

The service delivery review included an assessment of the existing governance model for land ambulance services, stakeholder consultations, and careful consideration of how Dufferin County can best deliver ambulance services to the community.

The final recommendation was to maintain the current partnership between the county and Headwaters Health Care Centre. The review also strongly recommended that the partnership be supported by a more robust commercial contractual agreement.

Staples said considerable work has been completed on the updated agreement.

Outdated language has been revised, accountability provisions for both parties are stronger, a Contract Review Committee was established, and there is greater clarity of financial responsibilities.

A comprehensive legal and insurance review has also been completed to ensure the proposed agreement appropriately addresses risk, liability, indemnification, insurance requirements, and the respective responsibilities of both parties.

A report to council for its Aug. 27 meeting indicated that work has helped inform the

proposed agreement language and identify matters requiring further discussion before the agreement can be finalized.

“As consensus has not yet been reached, the existing agreement must be extended until such time as the terms of a new agreement can be finalized,” according to a report to council.

Staples said it was suggested there should be a more “robust commercial” agreement.

The previous agreement, which was set to expire Aug. 31, was extended to ensure no disruption to ambulance service.



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WORKING TOGETHER: Dufferin County and Headwaters Health Care Centre have extended their ambulance service agreement while negotiations continue on a new contract.

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Spartans XI defeat Shelburne Strikers at KTH Park in close game

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne Strikers fell short by seven runs as the Spartans XI won a cricket game held at KTH Park in Shelburne on Sunday, Sept. 6.

The Spartans won 114-107.

The Strikers' spin bowler Ramandeep Singh had a standout bowling performance, completing a hat-trick with the final three deliveries of the innings, taking down Gurpreet Dhameja, Lovepreet Singh Gill and Anush Singh. He got four Spartans batters out while allowing only 10 runs, but it wasn't enough to take the game.

With their first at bat, the Spartans XI scored 114 runs, meaning the Strikers needed 115 to win.

"We had a very simple strategy; we just had to bowl first, get them [the Spartans] out on a low score, which we did at 114 and then had to bat and chase that game," explained Onkar Sharan, Strikers captain. "We were very successful in chasing, then the last tragedy happened."

With the help of Strikers' Meet Chaudhari, who scored 50 runs, and Neel Chaudhari scoring 20 runs, the Strikers reached 104

runs with four batters out. With a total of eight Strikers players suited up for Sunday's game and 42 balls remaining, they needed 11 more runs to win.

Unfortunately, the Strikers were only able to score three more runs, thanks in huge part to Spartan's bowler Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, who got Meet Chaudhari out after his 50-run scoring output; then he got Onkar Sharan out and, on the very next ball, got Ajitesh out.

After falling short of the win by 107 runs, Onkar Sharan looks ahead at what his team needs to do to be victorious in their rematch against them.

"First thing we need to do is have a full team of 11 players and then we go with seven batsmen and four bowlers and two all-rounders," said Sharan.

The top players of the game from the Shelburne Strikers were Meet Chaudhari and Ramandeep Singh

Chaudhari was named Player of the Match despite his team's loss. He scored 50 runs and took two wickets while bowling.

Singh delivered an excellent bowling performance, taking four wickets, including a hat-trick.

From the Spartans XI, the top player was Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, who delivered a



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

STRIKING SUCCESS: The Spartans XI team celebrates following their victory at KTH Park in Shelburne on Sunday, Sept. 6.

game-changing performance. He took five wickets and got several crucial Shelburne batters out at a critical time.

Next game for the Strikers is Saturday, September 12, at 8 a.m. in a rematch against the Spartans XI at KTH Park in Shelburne.

Police News: Dufferin OPP stay busy with robbery, drug seizure and collison

Shelburne Mini Storage robbed, police seek public's help finding suspect

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a break and enter at a storage facility in Shelburne.

On Sept. 2, between approximately 7:03 a.m. and 2:50 p.m., a lone male suspect attended Shelburne Mini Storage on Victoria Street and gained entry to the property.

Once inside, the suspect broke into numerous storage units by cutting off the locks.

The suspect remained on the property for several hours and changed his clothing multiple times throughout the incident.

The suspect is described as a white male, believed to be in his 30s. He was wearing a blue rain jacket, black pants and gloves and was seen riding a black scooter.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information, including video surveillance or dash camera footage from the area around the time of the incident, is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 with incident number E261272950.

To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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SUSPECT SOUGHT: Dufferin OPP are seeking the public's help identifying a male suspect after several storage units were broken into at Shelburne Mini Storage on Sept. 2.

Mulmur on Sept. 5.

At approximately 12:20 p.m., officers attended River Road in Mulmur for the report of a serious collision involving a motorcycle with driver and passenger.

As a result of the collision, the passenger on the motorcycle sustained life-altering

injuries and was transported to a local hospital and then later transferred by air Ornge to a Toronto area trauma centre

River Road between Prince of Wales Road and 15 Sideroad in Mulmur was closed for several hours as officers continue their investigation.

The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/ Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

Dufferin OPP seize suspected stolen tools, meth, cash and Dodge Ram truck

Two Orangeville residents face several charges after Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers located a large quantity of tools and copper wire that they believe to be stolen.

Thousands of dollars' worth of copper wire and property, including power tools, was recovered as well as cash and methamphetamine from a Dodge Ram truck in Orangeville on Aug. 23.

At approximately 3:15 a.m., members of the Dufferin OPP B Platoon received a suspicious vehicle complaint and subsequently conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle behind a large retail outlet in Orangeville.

During the interaction, officers say they observed a controlled substance in plain view, and the two occupants were arrested.

The investigation continued, and officers found the suspected stolen tools and copper wire throughout the vehicle. The vehicle was subsequently sealed and towed.

On Aug. 28, members of the Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) executed a search warrant on the vehicle.

As a result of the search, officers located

additional evidence linking the stolen property to a break and enter that occurred in York Region between Aug. 22 and 23, shortly before Dufferin OPP officers located the vehicle.

As a result of the investigation, Chance Peyton, 29, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Possession of Break-In Instruments
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine
- Possession of Proceeds of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada

Colton Arch-Michaud, 24, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Possession of Break-In Instruments
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine
- Possession of Proceeds of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada

The following items were seized:

- Approximately \$20,000 worth of suspected stolen tools and copper wire, including Milwaukee, DeWalt, Makita, and Hilti battery-operated tools and sets
- Approximately three grams of methamphetamine
- \$2,450 in Canadian currency
- One 2014 Dodge Ram 3500 diesel truck, seized as offence-related property, with an approximate value of \$20,000

The investigation remains ongoing, and further charges are anticipated.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or other suspected unlawful activity is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip online at: ontariocrimestoppers.ca

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"My favourite sport to play is volleyball," Zoe said.

When she isn't playing sports, Zoe enjoys singing, learning to play the guitar, or doing arts such as making bracelets, making slime and detailed colouring.

Zoe shares her most memorable sporting moment.

"When I was on the school basketball team last year, I had to take a free throw, missed the first one and the second went in clean. My team went wild. I loved the feeling of helping my team," she said.

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This coming fall, Zoe intends to play volleyball or any sport that her school may offer.

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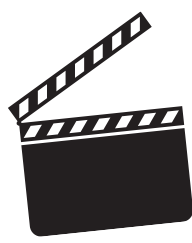
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Arts & Entertainment



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Local author explores mystery of Mulmur Hills Poltergeist in new book

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A nearly century-old mystery from the hills of Mulmur is being brought back into the spotlight with the release of a new book exploring one of Dufferin County's strangest paranormal stories.

Author Christopher Dodd releases *Unseen Thing: The Mulmur Hills Poltergeist* on Sept. 29, which takes a deep dive into the strange events reported by the Dobson family on their Mulmur Township farm in 1930.

Dodd first discovered the story after he and his wife purchased a property in Mulmur in 2014.

"I've always been fascinated with unsolved mysteries," he said. "It's like a real-world puzzle that you can spend a lot of time playing around with in your mind, theorizing and talking to people about possible explanations."

Dodd added, "During my first March break there at the Mulmur house, I Googled 'Mulmur' and the word 'haunted,' and just threw it out there to see what Google could find. Google came back with a book called Strange but True. There was a section in it about something that he called the Mulmur Hills Poltergeist. I was struck by the location because our place is on the Fourth Line of Mulmur, and it turns out this farm was just 12 kilometres south of us."

Dodd visited the Museum of Dufferin archives, where he discovered additional newspaper reports about the family. From there, what started as curiosity developed into years of research.

He searched community newspapers, Toronto newspaper archives, and historical documents while tracking the people connected to the case through land and tax records, voter lists, and birth, death, and marriage certificates.

As he pieced together a timeline, Dodd began noticing similarities between the events

in Mulmur and other reported Canadian poltergeist cases. Those similarities ultimately helped shape the book, which he describes as part folklore study and part paranormal investigation.

Unseen Thing is divided into three sections.

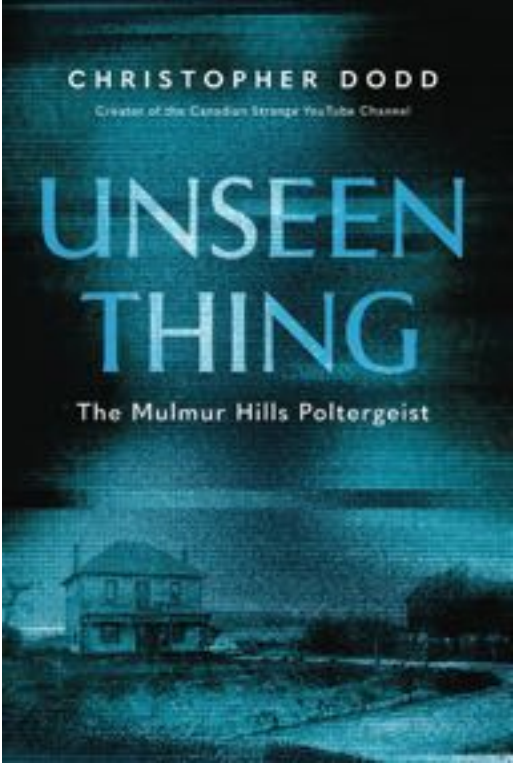
The book is divided into three sections, with Dodd first placing the events in Mulmur within the broader history of reported poltergeist activity in Canada.

The first section takes readers through six historical cases involving alleged poltergeist activity on Canadian farms, beginning with the Baldoon Poltergeist of 1829 and working forward to 1930. Rather than simply recounting the stories, Dodd looks for recurring features, themes and similarities between cases that occurred decades apart and in different parts of the country. Those patterns provide a framework for examining what later happened in Mulmur.

The second section turns entirely to the Mulmur Hills Poltergeist and the Dobson family. Dodd reconstructs who the family members were, how they came to live in Mulmur and what they reported experiencing on their farm. The section follows the story through the growing attention surrounding the property, the family's eventual loss of the farm and what became of them afterward.

With the historical groundwork established, the third section tackles the question at the centre of the book – what actually happened? Dodd examines what he calls the "case for strange," considering paranormal and supernatural explanations, before turning to the "case for a mundane solution." There, he considers whether the events could have resulted from a hoax or deception, misperceptions or psychological factors affecting members of the family.

Dodd sees the book as an opportunity to re-examine how the Dobson family was treated at the time. Contemporary newspaper coverage often presented their experi-



SUBMITTED IMAGE

NEW RELEASE: Based on years of scientific and paranormal research, *Unseen Thing: The Mulmur Hills Poltergeist*, by local author Christopher Dobb, is a nonfiction investigation into what really happened on the Dobson farm nearly 100 years ago.

ences as entertainment, and the family expressed frustration with how their story was portrayed.

"The Dobson family got frustrated with what was happening in the papers at the time," Dodd said. "When it first hit the front page of the Toronto Evening Telegram, the Daily Star, even the Orangeville Sun, it was just wrong. The one son, Ross Dobson, was very upset with how the family was being portrayed and the twisting of what they had said. He wrote letters to the editors of the newspaper saying, like, this isn't funny. You're messing up what happened. People

think this is all a joke now."

"I think this book is sort of a rebalancing of history. No one has ever done a deep dive into this story, and I think the family was not treated fairly. So this book, I think, is a way to maybe re-examine the case and, by comparing it to other stories, I think people might reevaluate what happened in Mulmur and maybe ask the question: maybe this wasn't a big hoax and a joke. Maybe there is something that happens sometimes to people that can't be explained, and we shouldn't write it off immediately," Dodd added.

Rather than claiming to definitively solve a mystery that has endured for nearly a century, Dodd presents the competing possibilities and allows readers to weigh the evidence and decide for themselves which explanation they find most convincing.

"There's no clean, clear solution to this mystery," he said. "You have to ask the questions: Well, if it's a hoax, what was the motivation, and you explore those lines of thought. Was there someone in the family playing tricks and mind games on everybody else, let's follow that theory. Or was there a paranormal element at play here?"

"I end the book with the theory that I tend to lean towards as being probably the best answer to what happened, but it's by no means definitive. I don't rule out a paranormal solution to this," Dodd added.

More broadly, he hopes Unseen Thing leaves readers with a greater appreciation for the folklore and forgotten stories that form part of local history, and a sense of wonder about the mysteries still hidden throughout the Mulmur Hills and Dufferin County.

Unseen Thing: The Mulmur Hills Poltergeist is Dodd's debut nonfiction book releasing Sept. 29 and will be available for pre-order at Booklore in Orangeville. There is a meet the author book launch at Shelburne Library on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Registration is encouraged.

Shelburne Art Gallery showcases Artisan's 3 in latest group exhibit, running all month

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery is showcasing the work of three Ontario artists as part of its latest exhibition, Artisan's 3.

The exhibition, featuring artists Robert Chisholm, Daureen Murphy and Kim McCutcheon, got underway on Sept. 8 and runs until Sept. 29 at Shelburne Town Hall, 203 Main Street East.

In a press release, the town said the exhibit will offer guests a unique opportunity to enjoy a diverse collection of artwork in one place, close to home.

"The exhibition brings together three accomplished artists whose work spans landscape painting, storytelling, and visual expression," the town said. "Visitors will have the opportunity to experience a diverse collection of artwork that celebrates creativity, inspiration, and artistic exploration."

Chisholm, an award-winning artist from Orangeville, is known for his acrylic and oil paintings inspired by landscapes and the natural world. His work focuses on the relationship between art and the surrounding environment.

Murphy brings a unique style of expression to her art, combining her interests in painting and poetry in her artistic practice. Her work draws inspiration from her Newfoundland

roots and her appreciation for nature, bringing visual and literary elements together on canvas.

McCutcheon, a writer and oil painter based in Acton, also combines visual and literary arts in her creative work.

The Town of Shelburne invites residents and visitors to stop by the gallery throughout the exhibition and experience the artists' work.

"The Town of Shelburne is thrilled to welcome these talented artists to the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery and encourages residents and visitors to stop in and enjoy the exhibition," the town's press release said.

Admission to Artisan's 3 is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend and view the artwork on display.

The Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The exhibition will be available to view during those regular gallery hours throughout its run.

The art gallery routinely features local and Canadian artists in weeks-long exhibitions in the heart of Shelburne, as part of the town's ongoing focus on promoting the arts.

Artisan's 3 gives local residents a chance to explore work from artists with different backgrounds and creative practices, while highlighting the variety of artistic expression across the region.

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A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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Police continue search for Sonia Varaschin’s killer 16 years later

It has been 16 years since Sonia Varaschin was killed and police continue to investigate and urge the public to come forward with information.

On Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, the former Orangeville Police Service (OPS) launched an investigation after Varaschin’s white Toyota Corolla was discovered abandoned behind a business on Broadway in downtown Orangeville.

Varaschin, who was 42 years old at the time, was last seen on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010, leaving her parents’ home in Bolton. At the request of the OPS, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was called to support the investigation.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, Sonia’s remains were located in a wooded area just off Beech Grove Sideroad in Caledon. Investigators believe that she was targeted.

A \$50,000 reward, offered by the Government of Ontario, remains in place for any information that can lead to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Varaschin.

“Someone knows the truth. It’s time to come forward,” said Insp. Shawn Glassford of the OPP’s Criminal Investigations Bureau

The case remains ongoing by Dufferin

OPP, under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with support from the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Anyone with information in relation to this investigation is encouraged to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or: ontariocrimestoppers.ca

Residents raise concerns over county’s response to issues at housing complex

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Residents also expressed frustration with what they see as inconsistent enforcement of rules within the building. Several pointed to restrictions surrounding personal security cameras, saying they had been instructed to remove cameras from their own units while alleging cameras belonging to another residence have remained in place.

The County of Dufferin said that while tenants are not permitted to have cameras in personal areas, it is a safety measure to protect privacy, and the county maintains its own cameras on the premises.

“With safety top of mind, Dufferin Coun-

ty has cameras at points of entry/exit at its housing properties,” the county said. “Tenants are not permitted to have personal cameras in common areas of a building, including the exterior of their unit door pointing into a hallway. Tenants may install cameras in the interior of their units as long as they do not record common areas of a property. This is to ensure respect and to protect all tenants’ privacy.”

Police have also responded to the complex on numerous occasions, according to the residents, and have at times witnessed the disturbances themselves. Residents said officers have also reviewed recordings and spoken individually with people living in the building.

Despite that involvement, residents said they believe the underlying housing issue remains unresolved.

They said their intention in speaking publicly is not simply to complain about another tenant, but to draw attention to what they see as a broader failure to adequately respond when numerous residents report that their quality of life is being affected

After years of documenting incidents, contacting authorities and raising their concerns with housing officials, residents say they want to see a clear path forward addressing the situation.

“Something done about this and done permanently,” a resident said.

“The main issue is that the county is not

doing anything for the people.”

For them, the issue has become less about disagreements between neighbours and more about whether residents can expect their concerns to result in action when they say they no longer feel comfortable in their own homes.

The county said that safety and the well-being of tenants remains a priority for the housing properties they manage.

“Dufferin County housing tenants are always encouraged to reach out to the county if they have a concern or complaint and the county is dedicated to working with its tenants and, when necessary, the Ontario Provincial Police to uphold safety at its properties,” the county said.



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‘How We Got to Jersey’ brings the story behind Jersey Boys to Orangeville

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two Canadian performers who spent years stepping into the shoes of Frankie Valli are bringing the stories behind their journey to Theatre Orangeville this month.

How We Got to Jersey: A Tale of Two Frankies, created and performed by Jeff Madden and Adrian Marchuk, will take the stage at Theatre Orangeville from Sept. 25 to 27.

Part concert and part personal storytelling, the production takes audiences behind the scenes of *Jersey Boys* while exploring how Madden and Marchuk, two performers from small-town Ontario, each found themselves playing one of early rock and roll’s most recognizable voices.

“How do two guys from small-town Ontario end up touring the world, playing one of the greatest rock and roll singers of all time?” Marchuk said. “And how do they do it, having the time of their lives, and being good buds, and then best enemies, and then back to good buds.”

“I think if anybody wants to know what it’s like to be an actor in Canada, this show will give them a great insight into that,” Madden said. “It’ll show you how taking on a job can change your life in many ways — ways that you wouldn’t necessarily anticipate — good ways, challenging ways. It’s got something for everyone. It’s got incredible music. It’s got nostalgia, and it’s got this hopefully heartwarming story that is very human that connects us to the audience and connects to their own lives.”

The show features music made famous by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, including *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don’t Cry*, *Walk Like a Man* and *Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You*, alongside stories from Madden and Marchuk’s careers and experiences performing in *Jersey Boys*.

Neither performer originally expected the role of Frankie Valli to become such a significant part of their careers. Their paths to *Jersey Boys* began like many acting jobs — with an audition — but quickly became

a whirlwind that included travelling to New York for fittings and Nashville to work with original Four Seasons member Bob Gaudio before rehearsals began.

The two would go on to perform as Frankie Valli during the Toronto production of *Jersey Boys*, with the experience continuing to follow them long after the production ended. Both continued to be asked to perform the music at concerts, corporate functions and other events, occasionally crossing paths with each other.

The idea for *How We Got to Jersey* emerged years later when Marchuk was asked to pitch concert ideas for a venue. Remembering that both he and Madden had played Frankie Valli, he proposed a show where the two could perform the music while sharing stories from their experiences.

“They were asking for ideas, so I said, okay, you could do this idea, and then you could do this idea, and then I was like, ‘Oh, third idea, third idea, third idea — Jeff and I were both Frankie in *Jersey Boys*,” Marchuk said. “We could come up and sing songs and tell stories from that.” They’re like, ‘Great, let’s do that idea.’”

Madden joined the project, and the production came together in just three months.

Rather than simply recreating *Jersey Boys*, the resulting show became their own story.

Through music and personal memories, Madden and Marchuk explore what it was like to unexpectedly land a career-changing role, perform before thousands of people, meet the artists they were portraying and navigate the demanding realities of life as working actors.

Their individual experiences also give the production its central twist: audiences get to see two performers who understand the unusual experience of playing the same demanding role sharing the stage together. This production is one of its kind, unique to their journeys together, and how they were shaped by the experiences they shared.

“No two other people could do this show,” Madden said. “You could find two other Frankies, and they could put together their



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TAKING THE STAGE: *How We Got to Jersey: A Tale of Two Frankies* creators and stars Jeff Madden and Adrian Marchuk perform at Theatre Collingwood during a recent run of their show. The production will soon take the stage at Theatre Orangeville, and will follow the two actors as they tell their stories of how they both landed the roll of Frankie Valli in the hit Broadway production, *Jersey Boys*. This original production will show personal, beside the scenes details about their experience, and of course, will feature hit songs from *Jersey Boys*.

own show. But it wouldn’t be this show, it wouldn’t be this perspective. It wouldn’t be what it was like to do it in Toronto in the winter of 2008 and through 2009 and into 2010. It’s ours and only ours. That makes it special. Getting to relive these moments, these high moments of our lives, on stage, together in front of the audience - it’s thrilling. It’s absolutely thrilling.”

For Marchuk, the Orangeville performances also mark a return to familiar territory. Early in his career, he appeared in several Theatre Orangeville productions, including *Anne of Green Gables*, and is excited to return to the community with a production built around a journey that has followed him

and Madden for nearly two decades.

With a mix of familiar music, humour and stories from behind the curtain, Madden and Marchuk hope *How We Got to Jersey* gives Orangeville audiences more than a trip back through the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

At its heart, the production is a story about two performers looking back on the unexpected opportunity that changed their careers, the challenges that came with it and the friendship that ultimately brought two Frankies together on the same stage.

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