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Shelburne council approves 2025 budget

Written By **PAULA BROWN**
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne Town Council has officially approved a five per cent tax rate increase as part of their 2025 budget.

During their meeting on Nov. 25, Shelburne Town Council received the draft 2025 budget report for the third time and directed staff to proceed with bringing forward a by-law to adopt the budget.

"We are at that point in time, I think, where we're ready to move ahead with this," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills. "We've moved through each of the phases of our scheduled budget process, starting with the draft presentation to council, the public meeting at our last council meeting and here we are now; ready to go."

The estimated amount to be raised by taxation in 2025 is just over \$10.8 million, calculated by taking the total operating expenses of \$13.6 million for 2024 and subtracting the revenues of around \$2.7 million.

The total estimate for the 2025 general operating expenses of \$13,655,223 is split up amongst 10 expenditures: general government and town hall (\$3,050,951); council and committees (\$185,303); planning and development (\$1,410,142);



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

2025 BUDGET: Shelburne Town Council has officially approved a five per cent increase in the tax rate for their 2025 budget. The budget for next year was approved during their regular meeting on Nov. 25 and will be adopted on Dec. 9.

police protection (\$1,129,409); fire protection (\$880,622); other protective services (\$679,515); operations, waste management and storm (\$2,690,316); cemetery (\$167,134); recreation and culture (\$1,596,317); and a one-time transfer to reserves (\$1,865,513).

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Shelburne council approves 2025 budget with five per cent tax increase

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Some of the increase in expenses is the result of three additional staff positions in the town, which include a part-time bylaw officer position moving to full-time, a bylaw administrative assistant and a part-time landscaper. The town has also budgeted to include Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) based on a revenue-neutral structure.

One general expense the Town of Shelburne is expected to see a decrease in for the 2025 budget is police services. In 2024, the total billing cost for OPP services was just over \$3.1 million and in 2025, the cost has come in at \$1.6 million for a total savings of roughly \$1.5 million.

"During the costing that the consultant did in 2021, it was estimated that we would experience a significant saving, and this

is the first year that we have now transitioned to the cost recovery methodology," explained Carey Holmes, director of financial services and treasurer for the Town of Shelburne, at Council's Nov. 4 meeting.

The Town of Shelburne has also received a reconciliation credit of \$666,072 from the OPP from 2023, making to total savings of \$2.2 million. It was recommended to take \$359,000 from the savings in order to keep the tax rate increase under five per cent.

The remaining \$1.8 million in savings was transferred to an unrestricted reserve.

According to the 2025 draft report, the homeowner tax impact of a five per cent increase, based on an average single-family home assessment of \$335,366, amounts to an additional \$138 annually or \$11.54 per month on the town portion.

The Nov. 4 presentation from Holmes

showed residents a detailed breakdown of where \$1 of a taxpayer's money goes: \$0.09 to Police Protection, \$0.17 for the one-time transfer to reserves, \$0.25 to Operations, \$0.14 to Recreation and Culture, \$0.09 to Planning and Development, \$0.08 to Fire Protection, \$0.11 to General Government and Town Hall, \$0.05 to Other Protective Services, and \$0.02 to Council and Committees.

The 2025 budget addresses a number of capital projects, including \$101,311 for upgrades to the lighting and HVAC as well as an additional vehicle for the bylaw department; \$782,412 for paving, roads' needs, drainage cleanout and the cemetery needs; \$2,398,072 to spend on new equipment, replacements, a workshop expansion and cold storage; and \$4,880,726 to go towards projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The entire budget for phase one of the Fiddle Park redevelopment is based on a project cost of \$3.69 million, which was included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan section of Shelburne's 2025 draft budget.

The 2024 budget totals \$8,186,211 for the listed capital projects.

Water and Sewer capital projects total just over \$2.5 million for 2024. The projects associated with water include continued changes to Well #1 and Well #9, replacing a 2008 water truck and repainting the exterior of the old water tower. Sewer capital projects consist of the continued engineering design for the waste pollution control plant and the replacement of sewer camera equipment.

The by-law to adopt the 2025 budget is expected to come forward at Shelburne's Town Council meeting on Dec. 9.

Shelburne Fire Department Board to be dissolved, municipality to take over

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne Town Council is supporting a decision to dissolve the Shelburne & District Fire Board.

During their meeting on Nov. 25, Shelburne Town Council received a report from chief administrative officer (CAO) Denyse Morrissey, regarding the Dufferin County Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan.

The report recommended that Town Council approve the dissolution of the Shelburne & District Fire Department Fire Board and instead take over management of the service as a municipality while contracting out to the surrounding communities.

"Prior to the creation of the [fire] board and certainly at the time, there were probably a number of significant benefits and strategic direction that made the approach very beneficial and meaningful," said Morrissey. "However, the consultant's assessment as well as what staff have indicated, is that potentially that has evolved to the point where there needs to be a reassessment of the approach."

The Shelburne & District Fire Department, located at 114 O'Flynn Street, serves the communities of Amaranth, Melancton, Mono, Mulmur and Shelburne. The department consists of one full-time Fire Chief, one volunteer Deputy Fire Chief and 28 volunteer firefighters.

In its existing structure, the Shelburne & District Fire Department is operated by the Shelburne District Fire Board, which consists of two representatives from each of the five municipalities, and provides emergency services to the Town of Shelburne and surrounding communities.

The County of Dufferin completed a Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan and in September of this year, four recommendations were approved by County Council.

The four options recommended for the Shelburne & District Fire Department (SDFD), included:

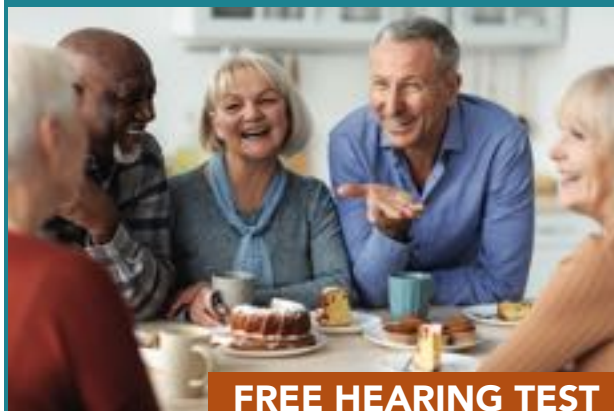
1. A single fire department operated by the County of Dufferin
2. A single fire department operated by the Town of Orangeville
3. Governance of the various fire departments revert to municipal councils with contract for service model
4. "Status quo" with some enhance administrative supports

"Staff is recommending we continue to proceed with bringing fire services, via the dissolution of the board, back within the formal structure of the Town of Shelburne and that there could be a fee for service arrangement based on a partnership and collaborative approach," said Morrissey.

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Have you ever listened to a weather forecast on the radio and the announcer says something like "it's 26 degrees, but it feels like 31."

You hear this all the time. If it's 26 degrees, isn't that what the current temperature actually feels like? How can it feel hotter, when what you are experiencing, is the actual feeling of what it's like at that temperature?

When the colder weather arrives and your furnace comes on, you don't set the thermostat to 17 because it will feel like 22.

A lot of times, sayings we hear or use on a daily basis, really don't make a lot of sense or have an origin that most people have never heard of.

"Money can't buy happiness." That's an old saying implying that happiness is something that comes from within. In a way, there's some truth to that. I guess you can be poor, but keep a good outlook on things.

However, I've never heard anyone say "Financial stability is horrible."

I've never seen a lottery winner pick up their winnings with a scowl on their face and say "I wish I didn't win this money."

Studies have shown that people who make higher salaries are generally happier because they don't have the same anxiety when it comes to finding the money for monthly bills.

A lack of money and financial stability is a leading cause of strife in a marriage, and quite often can lead to divorce.

I'm pretty sure having money will make you happy.

"Turning a blind eye" implies that a person will not admit to seeing something they don't want to see.

That phrase, according to legend, was born when British Navy hero, Horatio Nelson, who was quite the guy, was told to withdraw during a naval battle. Nelson held his telescope up to his blind eye, and said, "I really do not see the signal."

I think he deserves to be in the history books on that alone.

On the subject of ships, the phrase, 'show your true colours', comes from a time when pirates would deliberately fly a false flag to encourage potential targets to come within range.

Only when they were close enough to attack, would the pirates run their real flag, and intentions, up to the top of the

mast.

That's one you should remember when dealing with shady used car dealers.

'Winning hands down,' generally means someone has won a competition by a large margin. The phrase comes from horse racing where jockeys use their riding crop on a horse's rear quarters to tell the horse to give it more effort.

If a horse has a comfortable lead and is going to win, the jockey doesn't need to use the crop and this is known as winning 'hands down.'

'Saved by the bell' or 'being a dead ringer' have a rather macabre reference.

During Victorian England, and probably earlier, a lot of people had a fear of being buried alive. Someone came up with the idea of having an above-ground bell with a line attached to the deceased's finger.

If someone was buried prematurely, they could ring the bell and alert anyone walking by.

I think the better option would be to make sure someone is actually dead before you bury them.

I'm pretty sure 'saved by the bell' in the modern sense comes from boxing when the bell rings to end the round before an

eight-count is completed.

'Break a leg', is something said to actors before they go on stage, usually on opening night, as a way of wishing them success.

In theatre circles, which are notoriously superstitious, wishing someone 'good luck' is a bad omen.

The phrase 'break a leg' may refer to an actor bending at the knee or to curtsy at the end of a performance to acknowledge the audience's enthusiastic response.

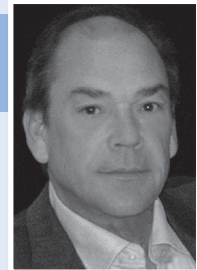
Others think it comes from the fact that actor John Wilkes Booth broke his leg after shooting President Lincoln after leaping from his box seat to the stage and limping off into the night to escape.

How committing a murder equates to wishing someone well - seems a little misguided.

Finally, there is the phrase, 'Saskatchewan is so flat you can watch your dog run away for three days.'

There's a lot of truth in that saying, but don't tell the folks in Dog River, they've heard it too many times already.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Syria: Jihadis again

One week in, the cease-fire in Lebanon seems to be holding, but everything is connected: only three days later, the civil war in Syria started up again after a de facto four-year truce.

In just a few days more the Sunni Muslim fanatics of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), formerly the Syrian branch of al-Qaeda, burst out of the north-western province of Idlib where they had been confined since 2016 and captured Aleppo, Syria's second biggest city.

The Syrian army has completely withdrawn from Aleppo, and its spokesman explained that "the multiplicity of battlefronts prompted our armed forces to carry out a redeployment operation aimed at strengthening the defence lines in order to absorb the attack, preserve the lives of civilians and soldiers, and prepare for a counterattack."

'Redeployment' usually means 'retreat', and at last report HTS forces were advancing down the main north-south freeway and nearing the city of Hama, almost halfway to Damascus. This may not be a replay of the Western scramble out of Afghanistan and the Taliban victory of 2021, but the future of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad is certainly at risk.

However, two things are different this time. One is that Assad has the unwavering support of Russia (whose air force

is already striking the rebel forces from its bases in Syria). The other is that a large number of Syrians (all Christians, all Shia Muslims and an indeterminate number of Sunni Muslims) prefer even Assad to the rule of the HTS fanatics.

It's no coincidence that the war in Syria restarted just as Hezbollah was defeated in Lebanon, since Lebanon and Syria were part of the same province for most of the last thousand years. The French divided them in 1920, ostensibly because there was a big Christian minority in Lebanon but really as part of an imperial strategy of divide-and-rule.

One-third of the Lebanese are still Christians, but what drives the country's politics now is the rivalry between Shia Muslims and Sunni Muslims. Each accounts for about a third of the population, but the Shias have dominated Lebanese politics in recent decades because they had their own powerful army, Hezbollah. That army has now suffered a grave defeat.

Syria also has a Shia minority, though a much smaller one: between 10% and 15% of the population. However, Shias completely dominate Syrian politics because the French filled the upper ranks of their colonial army with Shias on the same old divide-and-rule principle - and the Shias parlayed that into permanent political dominance over the whole country.

For Sunnis in both Lebanon and Syria, the Shias are the main enemy. Once the Israelis had decimated Hezbollah's forces in Lebanon over the past two months, therefore, it was only natural for Sunni extremists in Syria to have another go at overthrowing their local Shia enemy, the Assad regime.

It is far from certain that they will succeed, but HTS has definitely caught the Assad regime with its pants down and is building up a momentum that will be hard to resist. What would happen if Assad and the Shias actually lost power in Syria?

It would be a catastrophe for the people of Syria, who would end up living under an Islamist tyranny that would be even more repressive and brutal than the current regime. On the other hand, it could be a boon for the long-suffering Lebanese, whom Hezbollah keeps dragging into wars with Israel that most Lebanese would rather avoid.

It would be a disaster for the Islamist (Shia) ayatollahs of Iran. They would lose half of their 'Axis of Resistance', the band of mostly Shia-run allies that protect Iran from direct physical confrontation with Israel. Those allies include Iraq, Syria,

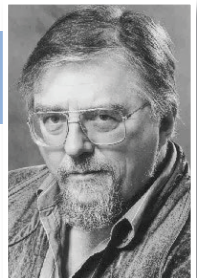
Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Houthis in Yemen.

Could these serial upheavals end up overthrowing the Iranian regime itself? It's not impossible, if all the other Shia dominoes fall one after another. Whatever regime replaced the ayatollahs would also be Shia, because 95% of Iranians follow that branch of Islam, but its policies and allies might be very different.

But it is too early to say that any of the dominoes will fall, let alone all of them. It's just as likely that HTS, successor to al-Qaeda and ISIS and now making such rapid progress in Syria, will over-extend itself, and that the Syrian army, Russian air power and quiet support from Egypt and the Arab Gulf states will eventually drive the jihadis back.

That would be the least bad outcome, although it is certainly not a good one. If you doubt that, look at the images of HTS fighters moving south. Half of them show men with a single finger pointing to the sky: 'There is only one God, and we will impose his rule.'

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Shelburne & District Fire Department Board to be dissolved

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During the meeting, Morrissey noted the structure's successful use in other communities including the Town of Grimsby and the Town of Lincoln as well as a tri partnership between the Townships of Minto, Mapleton and Wellington North.

"At a recent board meeting we had a fairly lengthy and productive discussion

as a group and a lot of the concerns I think that have been expressed in the past about a move to this sort of de-evolution to a municipal system, are maybe beginning to soften from some of our partners," said Mayor Wade Mills. "Time and time again, expert opinion after expert opinion and report after report, all confirm the same thing; that the current board structure is outdated and not really recognized under the legislative

framework we're working under. The consistent recommendation seems to be that there's a movement back to municipal service."

The Town of Shelburne is expected to undergo an expansion of the Fire Department building in the near future with recent estimated costs of roughly \$15 million showing in the 2028 budget.

According to the report, the Town of Shelburne manages 56 per cent of the

Shelburne & District Fire Department's 2024 budget for a total of \$724,898.03.

"This would be in our minds a strategic and beneficial approach for the Town of Shelburne," said Morrissey.

With the support of Shelburne Town Council, the dissolution of the Fire Board and bringing the SDFD under direct governance and management of the Town of Shelburne is expected to go into effect in early 2026.

Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner honoured with King Charles III Coronation Medal

Written By PAULA BROWN
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A member of Dufferin County Council has been recognized for her contributions to the community.

Janet Horner, Mayor of Mulmur and a Dufferin County Councillor, was one of 17 individuals awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal at a special ceremony in Ottawa, Ont. on Nov. 22. Horner was appointed for the award by Senator Robert Black.

"It was a complete surprise to me," said Horner about receiving the award. "I was humbled by this presentation and it was such a special day. A lot of the people that were also awarded the medal at the Senate were people I admire, so that was really special, to be recognized with your peers for the service that you've given."

The King Charles III Coronation Medal program was first announced in May of 2023, with the design of the medal released on the one-year anniversary of the Coronation. The King Charles III Coronation Medal is awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to Canada or to

a particular province, territory, region or community of Canada or has made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.

Horner was recognized for her outstanding contribution to agriculture, business and commerce, community service and politics.

Horner has served as the Mayor of Mulmur Township for the last six years, and prior to that, she sat as a councillor for four years.

She currently sits as Chair of the Community Development and Tourism committee at Dufferin County Council and is the executive director of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance. She has also been a supporter of the Greenbelt and Niagara Escarpment.

Darren White, Warden of Dufferin County spoke with the Free Press about Horner's achievement.

"Janet Horner is a strong voice in the agricultural community across southern Ontario. She is a valued member of county council. She is well respected by her peers and certainly deserving of an honor of this type," he said.



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HONOURED IN OTTAWA: Janet Horner, Mayor of Mulmur and Dufferin County Councillor, was recognized for her contributions in the sectors of agriculture, business, commerce, and community service on Nov. 22 as she was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal. Horner, who was one of 17 recipients at the ceremony in Ottawa, was appointed for the medal by Senator Robert Black.

Annual Santa Claus Parade to roll through downtown Shelburne this weekend

Written By PAULA BROWN
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Santa Claus is coming to Shelburne. The Shelburne Business Improvement Area (BIA) will be hosting their annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday (Dec. 7) starting at 6 p.m.

"The Shelburne Santa Claus Parade brings the community together and there's something special about it. You see everyone get excited about it every year and it's kind of magical at night with all the lights and floats. It's a well-liked event and one that is looked forward to," said Melissa Hooper, treasurer for the Shelburne BIA. "For the BIA it's important that we do stuff in the community, so it was a priority to make sure the parade happened and will be successful."

The route for the Santa Clause Parade is slated to begin at the Shelburne Agricultural Community Centre, located at 377 William Street, and make its way down and across Robert Street where it will pass in front of the Shelburne Long Term Care Home. The

parade will then make its way down Jelly Street, towards Main Street, turning at First Avenue to make the return back to William Street.

This year, the Shelburne Santa Claus Parade will be created around the theme of "Disney."

"We thought this theme would be kind of easy to put together and give people lots of options," said Hooper.

So far, the parade has roughly 20 floats lined up to take part in the local holiday parade and still has room for more floats to join.

For local businesses and organizations interested in taking part, the BIA can be reached by email at info@shelburnebia.ca. Applications to participate in the Christmas parade will be accepted until Dec. 2 and is free of cost.

Prior to the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, the Shelburne BIA will be kicking off the festive weekend with a tree lighting ceremony at Jack Downing Park on Friday (Dec. 6) at 6:30 p.m.

Weekly news from the Shelburne Public Library

Holiday Hours

The Shelburne Public Library will be closed Dec. 24 to 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2, 2025.

The library is open Dec. 27 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Dec. 28 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Regular hours resume Jan. 3, 2025.

Upcoming Events

The library's Seniors Tech Tutoring appointments are available on Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. through the New Year. These appointments are the perfect opportunity to ask your tech questions in a non-judgmental environment.

Call 519-925-2168 to book an appointment.

Recommended Read of the Week

The President's Lawyer by Lawrence Robbins: The President's Lawyer was a thrilling, twisty read, that had me staying up far too late at night! Rob Jacobson is a character you're going to root for as we untangle the mess his best friend, the POTUS, is in.

This is not your formulaic legal thriller; this is fresh, full of rich, well-developed characters, and with plenty of details to distract you from finding out who is at the bottom of this – just like Rob Jacobsen.

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OPP investigating theft of perfume from Shoppers Drug Mart

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are seeking the public's help in identifying two suspects connected to two separate incidents of perfume theft.

The incidents took place at the Shoppers Drug Mart in Orangeville on First Street.

A lone female suspect was seen in the perfume aisle testing various fragrances on Nov. 24 at approximately 7:29 p.m. Later, CCTV footage showed her placing a Gucci perfume set in her bag before leaving the store.

A second lone female suspect was seen in the perfume aisle browsing various fragrances on Nov. 25 at approximately 12:03 p.m. CCTV footage showed the second female suspect also placing a Gucci perfume set in her bag before leaving the store.

The suspects in both incidents are described as follows:

Suspect 1:

- White female with a tanned complexion
- Approximately 20 years old
- Medium build
- Long brown hair
- Wearing all black clothing, including a black tote bag

Suspect 2:

- White female, approximately 35-40 years old
- Medium build
- Blonde hair with pink streaks
- Wearing a black jacket with white stripes, ripped blue jeans, and glasses at the time of the incident

Officers are seeking the assistance of the public to identify the suspect.

Anyone with information about the perfume theft incidents can contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.



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THEFT SUSPECTS: Dufferin OPP are requesting the public help in identifying two suspects connected to two separate incidents of perfume theft at a Shoppers Drug Mart in Orangeville. Suspect 1 (left) was seen placing a Gucci perfume set in her bag before leaving the store on Nov. 24, while Suspect 2 (right) was also seen putting a Gucci perfume set in her bag on Nov. 25.

RIDE spot check leads to charges for impaired driving, unmarked cigarettes

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers recently charged an Orangeville resident with impaired operation related offences as the result of a RIDE program.

Officers were conducting a RIDE spot check in the area of Brenda Blvd. in Orangeville on Nov. 28, just before 11 p.m. A vehicle entered the area and was met by the officers. After a brief conversa-

tion, the officers were quickly led to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Robert Richardson, 46, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Possess unmarked cigarettes

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for 7 days.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



Traffic complaint leads to impaired driving charges for Orangeville woman

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers recently charged an Orangeville resident with impaired driving related offences as the result of a traffic complaint.

Officers were dispatched to a traffic complaint in the area of Dufferin Road 109 in Caledon on Nov. 30 at approximately 5:10 a.m. They located the vehicle in question and con-

ducted a traffic stop. After a brief conversation with the driver, Dufferin OPP officers were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Sydney Belcher, 29, from Orangeville has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for 7 days.

The operation while impaired charge has not been proven in court.

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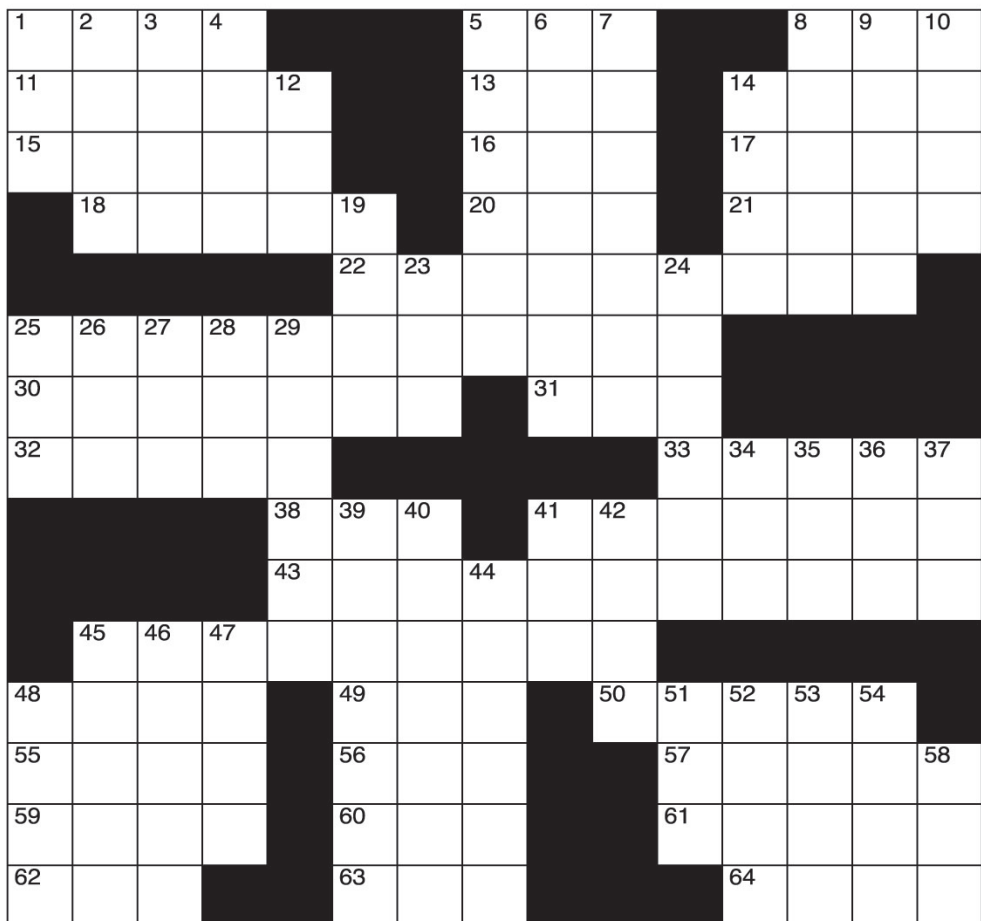
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Local Alzheimer's Society receives \$190k for dementia resources

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County is receiving additional help this holiday season with funding from the provincial government.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones visited the local Alzheimer's Society, located at 25 Centennial Rd., on Friday (Nov. 29), to announce the provincial government is providing it with \$190,800 for dementia resources. Jones also announced an additional \$129,000 in funding for the local Alzheimer's Society's First Link Navigation program.

"We know that for families and caregivers, in particular, there's a lot coming at you," said Jones. "The navigation program is a really important piece to make sure that we are connecting patients and clients with the services that are out there. I often talk about how we need to collaborate and leverage, and the navigation program is a really important one."

Dementia is a broad term that describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss, changes in mood, and difficulties with

thinking, problem-solving and language. Dementia is caused when brain cells become damaged and eventually die. There are many diseases and conditions which can cause dementia, with Alzheimer's disease being the most common type.

According to the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, there are currently 1,500 people living with a dementia diagnosis in the County. Statistics from the Alzheimer's Society indicate that 66,900 Ontarians will develop dementia in 2024 and there is an estimated 733,000 Canadians living with dementia nationwide.

"It's a health care crisis and we know that it's about educating people," said Carmelina Cicuto, executive director of Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County. "We're looking at an influx of diagnoses in the next 10 to 15 years."

The funding from the provincial government will be used to help continue the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County's ALC program, which they do at Headwaters Hospital to transition behavioural support clients to long-term care and return back to home with support.

The additional funding will go towards their First Link Navigation program, which



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

SUPPORTING THE SOCIETY: The Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County announced on Friday (Nov. 29) that they received \$190,800 in funding for dementia resources, plus an additional \$129,000 for their local First Link Navigation program, from the provincial government.

helps individuals with recent diagnoses of dementia and their caregivers navigate the system, including community services, support, healthcare systems and doctors.

"[The funding] is great because we can expand our services, bring in new staff, train them to get out in the community and support where they need to," said Cicuto.

Shelburne Fire Department's 15th Toy and Food Drive underway

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne & District Firefighters Association is lending a helping hand to local families this holiday season as they hold their 15th annual Toy and Food Drive.

Firefighters from the local department will be collecting toys and food items from community members throughout December, including at two events held on Dec. 14 at No Frills and Dec. 21 at Foodland from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The purpose of the Toy and Food Drive is to give back to our community and give to those in need. We didn't realize it was going to be an annual event when we started it 15 years ago. Our hope was to try and give back to the community we serve, plain and simple, and it's just gone from there," said Capt. Mike Morrell, coordinator for the annual event. "It shows the

need for food and toys has continued to grow year after year."

Started in 2010 by Morrell and fellow Shelburne firefighters, the annual Toy and Food Drive looks to collect new, unwrapped toys to give to Dufferin Children & Family Services (DCAFS) and non-perishable food donations for the Shelburne Food Bank, Shepherd's Cupboard. All donations made stay within the community.

Last year, the local fire department was able to help donate toys to a total of 400 families at DCAFS.

"Anything we get to help these families and children with toys and gift cards is great," said Morrell.

When it comes to donations through the toy drive, the Shelburne & District Firefighters Association typically sees a majority of donations for younger age groups as well as newborns.

"The teenagers really seem to be the ones that lack [donations]," said Morrell.

For anyone interested in making a donation to the Toy Drive, but is unsure on what to get; Morrell recommends picking an age group and gender, then shopping based on those criteria.

"Think of what you would have liked to have received at that age," said Morrell.

So far, the Shelburne & District Firefighters Association has hosted two collection events, held on Nov. 23 and Nov. 30. Morrell told the Free Press that the toy and food collection has been "very slow," but added that they're hopeful it will pick up.

"We don't set a goal, we just try to do the best we can and collect as much as we can for as many people," said Morrell. "It's not easy for anybody to give. It's become tougher, as we see the need for the food banks and people reaching out for the extra help increase over time."

For those who are not able to make the two remaining collection events, the Shelburne and District Fire Department also accepts donated items at the fire station,



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SAVING CHRISTMAS: The Shelburne & District Firefighter Association is kicking off the holiday season with their 15th annual Toy and Food Drive. Local firefighters will be accepting donations at the Fire Hall, located at 114 O'Flynn St., on Thursdays and Fridays between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 21.

located at 114 O'Flynn Street. Donations can be dropped off on Thursday and Friday between 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 p.m. (noon) to 4 p.m.

SPCA iAdopt campaign underway

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is looking to make the holiday season a merry one for animals in need.

The local animal shelter announced the start of their iAdopt for the Holidays campaign in a press release on Monday (Dec. 2). The campaign, which runs through Dec. 24, aims to find loving homes for animals within the Ontario SPCA shelter system during the holidays.

This year, the campaign will look to find homes for 500 animals across Ontario, including 75 at the Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

"We're hoping to make this season merry and bright for animals in our care," said Dawn Lyons, Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "With so many deserving animals waiting for their forever homes, we're encouraging families to consider adoption this holiday season if they've been thinking of adding a furry friend to their life. Help us empty our animal centre so these deserving animals can spend the holidays with their new families."

The Ontario SPCA said the holiday season and the iAdopt for the Holiday campaign is the perfect time for those consid-

ering adding a furry friend to their family to think about adoption.

"With more people home during the holidays, animals can adjust to their forever homes with extra attention and care," said the Ontario SPCA.

Animals adopted from the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and vaccinated. They also go home with food from Royal Canin to help ensure a smooth transition.

To see animals available for adoption, visit ontariospca.ca/adopt

For those who are not able to adopt this holiday season, there are still ways to help support the animals in need. Individuals can provide donations, which help provide shelter and care for animals waiting for their forever home.

Animal lovers can also shop on Paws & Give, the Ontario SPCA's online giving store, which offers a range of products for both pets and their people.

From toys for shelter animals to holiday gift packs for cats and dogs, each purchase supports the Ontario SPCA's work to give animals in need a second chance.

"Every donation makes a meaningful impact," writes the Ontario SPCA.

Those interested in making a donation or shopping at the Paws & Give shop can do so by visiting, www.ontariospca.ca.

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SHUTOUT: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girl's hockey team played against the Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds on the ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Thursday, Nov. 28. The Royals won two of three games played during the day. The Royals won this game 4-0.

CDDHS girl's varsity hockey team off to a good start for the season

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls varsity hockey team had a good start to the season winning two games in the season opening tournament.

The first full day of games took place at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne on Thursday, Nov. 28.

All five teams entered in District 4 competition this year played in the opening tournament day.

The Royals played in the first game of the day against the Westside Secondary School Thunder from Orangeville with an 8 a.m. puck drop.

Centre Dufferin started the season with a win when they left the ice leading 3-1 at the

end of the third period.

They didn't get much of a break before they were back on the ice.

In their second game of the day, the Royals were up against the Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds.

The Royals managed to blank Norwell 4-0 in that game.

In their third game of the day, the Royals faced Erin District High School with a 1:20 p.m. start.

The Centre Dufferin team took its first loss in this game when they were bested 3-1 by Erin.

"The first game, we weren't expecting to be pressured as much as we were," said Royals defensive player, Piper Coyle. "But we held our own and did really well. The second game - I'm really proud of our whole team. They did

really well, especially against Norwell. It was a big game for us, a big win. We all have really good chemistry on the team even though we just started playing together."

The District 4 girl's season is played as a series of five tournament days. There are five teams in the competition this season.

With a 2-1 record after the first tournament, the Royals are in second place in the standings.

Erin landed in first place. Norwell District is in third place followed by Wellington Heights and Westside.

The next tournament day will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5, in Mount Forest.

Teams will again play three games over the course of the day.

The Royals are scheduled to play at 9:20 a.m., 10:40 a.m., and 1:20 p.m.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CARSTEN SCHLUMS

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"This my third year playing volleyball," Carsten said. "Volleyball takes the most energy and it's the hardest sport, in my opinion, mentally. It's physical but you also have to have the game in your head."

Outside of school, Carsten plays club volleyball in Aurora.

A well rounded athlete, Carsten is focusing on volleyball this year but has also played rugby and participated in cross-country.

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Smart Headwaters campaign receives donation

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund is joining the hundreds of businesses, community partners and philanthropic residents who have donated to the Smart Headwaters campaign.

The \$18-million fundraising campaign was launched last June to revolutionize and revitalize the equipment and resources at the Headwaters Health Care Centre, which is serving one of the fastest growing communities in the Greater Toronto Area.

The acquisition of a state-of-the-art MRI machine is the centrepiece of the Smart Headwaters campaign.

“Our government is supporting the operation of new MRIs across the province, including right here in our community at Headwaters Health Care Centre,” said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. “With the support of the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund, local families are one step closer to having access to world-class diagnostic imaging, where and when they need it, closer to home.”

Choosing to support this initiative was an easy choice for Anne and Allan, who hail from Caledon.

Anne joined the Board of Directors of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation in June 2020 and only three months later found herself as a patient needing Headwaters’ medical resources when she broke her back.

“Communities need their local hospitals and we want to know our hospital is equipped with all the latest diagnostic tools and resources to better serve our community. It really is a win-win for everyone because a well-equipped hospital with the most-up-to-date resources is a tremendous incentive to attract the talented medical professionals who will use those resources,” says Anne.

The Community Fund was established by the couple and is managed by the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation (BACCF), based in Caledon East.



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FUNDING THE FOUNDATION: The Headwaters Health Care Foundation recently received \$1,371 from the Allan and Anne Thompson Fund.

“I really appreciate and commend Allan and Anne for the leadership they have always shown—and continue to show—in support of important charitable causes in our community... (and) we’re thrilled that the BACCF can play its part in supporting their philanthropy,” says Lori Robinson, Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation chair.

Following Allan’s Caledon Mayoral retirement evening celebrations in November 2022 residual event proceeds were also added to the fund.

“I have lived in this community my entire life and we have so many inspiring individuals and businesses who regularly step up to support the various organizations and agencies our community relies on to thrive. It was important to me that the remaining funds from the retirement evening—in addition to our own continued support—be used in an ongoing and positive way for our community,” said Allan.

All monies deposited into the Fund remain in perpetuity.

Jim Boyd, President and CEO of the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation, said the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund at the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation is a Donor-Directed Fund from which Allan and Anne can support various charities on an annual basis.

“The Thompson endowment fund has already provided financial grants to several Caledon-based charities, and this year it’s great to see Allan and Anne direct their annual grant to the Headwaters Health Care Centre, which is such an important hospital for so many Caledon residents,” said Boyd.

Ground broke for the MRI earlier this fall and is scheduled to be completed next year.

To learn more about the first MRI coming to Headwaters visit www.headwatershealth.ca/MRI

For more information or to join Allan and Anne and support the Smart Headwaters campaign visit the link: <https://tinyurl.com/CaledonCares>.

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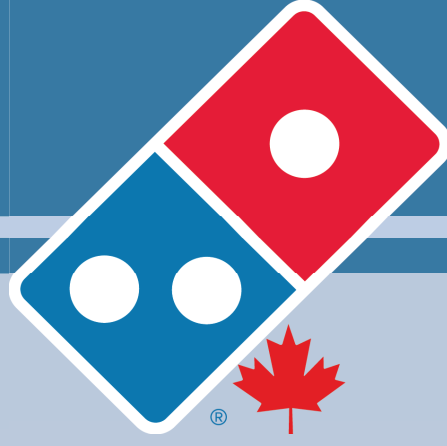
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