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**FUN TIMES:** A free skate was enjoyed by members of the public during the Kraft Hockeyville event in support of Honeywood Arena on April 4. The event had to be moved to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) in Shelburne due to the ice storm that left Mulmur residents and the Honeywood Arena without power. The event ran both April 4 and 5, featuring former NHLers signing autographs, a hockey game, and a chance to vote for Honeywood in the Kraft Hockeyville competition. There was a strong party atmosphere and a feeling of community spirit among attendees of the Hockeyville event. Turn to Page 3 for a full story.

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## 'Our neighbours came to our rescue:' Community supports Mulmur through State of Emergency

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

It's been a rough week for Mulmur residents, who were placed under a State of Emergency from April 3 to 7.

An ice storm took out electrical infrastructure, causing blackouts and left trees on roadways and residents' driveways, making them impassable.

Recognizing the magnitude of the required cleanup efforts following the storm, Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner declared a State of Emergency on April 3. This facilitated mutual aid, wellness checks, shelter activations and focused efforts on clean-up to support the needs of residents, while many of them were left without hydro.

When the call for support was put out, municipalities across Dufferin County came together to assist Mulmur in its recovery.

"While residents were sharing generators and helping each other clear tree limbs, our neighbours came to our rescue," said Tracey Atkinson, Mulmur Township's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). "The Towns of Mono and Orangeville shared their crew and equipment to help Mulmur's public works department clear roadways."

She continued, "Dufferin staff helped coordinate additional support, including Dufferin Search and Rescue, Feed Ontario, Ontario Corps, Salvation Army, food bank and paramedics. Melancthon assisted by providing a warming centre and livestock water resources. Meanwhile, the Centre Dufferin Recreational Centre in Shelburne provided its facilities for the Kraft Hockeyville activities."

As of Monday, April 7, Atkinson said Mulmur continued to have standing offers from all the other municipalities in Dufferin County to support the community's ongoing clean-up efforts, all the while managing their own ice storm and flooding impact.

"I am truly grateful for the community volunteers, municipal partnerships, external agencies and the camaraderie as our broader community came together," Atkinson lauded.

While the State of Emergency has ended, the Mulmur Township Office remains open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., offering charging stations as well as access to food, water and firewood, as some residents continue to deal with the aftermath of the ice storm.



**CLEARING THE WRECKAGE:** Public works crews from Mulmur and surrounding municipalities have been working around the clock to clear fallen trees and debris from roadways. The Township of Mulmur was in a State of Emergency from April 3 to 7.



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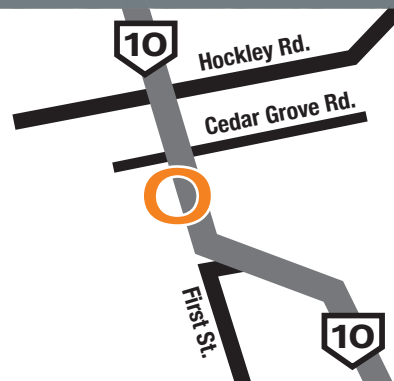
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# Community comes together to support Honeywood Arena in 2025 Kraft Hockeyville

Written By SAM ODROWSKI and BRIAN LOCKHART

They didn't win the big prize, but Mulmur residents will still come out ahead in the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition.

Honeywood Arena was announced as one of the four finalists in the competition to name Canada's top hockey town on Saturday, March 15.

Along with Honeywood, Lower Sackville in Nova Scotia, Crossfield in Alberta, and Saint-Boniface in Quebec were finalists vying for the most votes to be named the winning arena.

In the end, Boniface, Quebec took home the grand prize of \$250,000 for arena upgrades and a chance to host an NHL pre-season game. But Honeywood wasn't left empty-handed.

As a finalist, Honeywood Arena will receive \$25,000 in upgrades and \$10,000 worth of brand-new youth hockey equipment, courtesy of NHLPA Goals and Dreams.

However, there was some confusion about the contest's winner, with some Mulmur residents saying the Kraft Hockeyville website had Honeywood listed as the winner before the official announcement on April 5.

Kraft Hockeyville issued a statement in response on April 8, confirming that Boniface, Quebec did in fact receive the most votes and win the grand prize.

"For nearly 20 years, Kraft Hockeyville has united communities nationwide through their shared love of local hockey. This year there was some confusion about the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2025. Based on what we have heard, some visitors to our website noted seeing Honeywood, Ontario, mistakenly listed as the winning community," reads a statement from Kraft Hockeyville. "We conducted a thorough investigation and can confirm with certainty that the website was working properly throughout the entirety of the Kraft Hockeyville 2025 competition."

The statement continues, "We can confirm with certainty that Saint-Boniface, Québec, is the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2025, having captured 31.8 per cent of the total vote. The other three finalists included: Lower Sackville, NS (27.4 per cent); Crossfield, AB (21.1 per cent); and, finally, Honeywood, ON (19.7 per cent)."

Members of the Honeywood Hockeyville Organizing Committee planned a special two-day event leading up to the final announcement about which town would be the winner.

However, the ice storm knocked the pow-

er out in Honeywood and the arena was in darkness.

The Town of Shelburne pitched in to help and offered their arena so the event was moved to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC).

The event kicked off on Friday, April 4, with a day-long celebration. There was free skating, a hockey skills competition, and former NHL players signing autographs.

A special girls' hockey game was played in the afternoon. Visitors had the chance to use desktops in the arena to cast votes for Honeywood to win the competition.

As it was also a school P.A. Day, there were plenty of kids who turned out for the event.

"We were always going to do something on the Friday (April 4) because that's when voting starts," explained Jeanette McFarlane, lead organizer of the local Hockeyville fundraising team. "Whether or not people could gather, we were still going to do something. Kraft Hockeyville is an opportunity for older hockey arenas across Canada to win a prize - \$250,000 - for arena repairs and upgrades. The competition was open to the entire country. There were over 800 arenas nationwide and we were selected as one of the final four arenas. We had to fight for that position. We had to submit stories and photos and tell our story of why we should potentially win. There were times when arenas were neck and neck with points for all their submissions, but it comes down to the compelling story."

Honeywood relied heavily on the fact that they have a lot of female hockey players who don't have the facilities to meet their needs.

"Right now we have the highest enrollment of female athletes and hockey players and we do not have the proper change rooms - the girls use the storage closet," McFarlane said. "Today (April 4) is a community rally to get people to come out and vote. It's a 32-hour vote-a-thon."

On Saturday, April 5, there was another festive event at the CDRC with an alumni game.

People gathered in the upstairs banquet room of the arena to watch Sportsnet Hockey Night in Canada when the winner would be announced live.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) issued a statement on April 8 about the Dufferin County community coming together to ensure the Hockeyville event could take place, despite the power outages and severe weather that plagued Honeywood.

"Honeywood's participation in the competition not only showcased incredible commu-

nity pride but also demonstrated resilience and unity in the face of adversity. Despite a devastating ice storm that impacted our local community, the people of Honeywood continued to rise above the challenges, embracing the spirit of togetherness that defines Dufferin County," reads the statement from Dufferin OPP.

"A special mention must also be made to the Town of Shelburne, who in true Dufferin County fashion, stepped up in a major way to ensure the festivities continued. Shelburne opened the doors of their arena, allowing the event to go on, ensuring that the community could still come together to celebrate the spirit of hockey and the power of community."

The Hockeyville competition started on Jan. 1, with the Nomination and Rally phase. Community members submitted nominations and explained why the Honeywood Arena is so important to them and the community.

Honeywood Arena needs new change rooms. The current rooms are small and outdated and when girls play on boys' teams,

they have to dress separately in a small closet-type area.

The arena was hoping to use the money to build some new change facilities.

The current Honeywood arena was built in 1965. It is the third arena at that location.

The original rink was built in 1912. After a roof collapse due to heavy snow, a second arena was built in 1948, but tragedy struck when the building went up in flames in 1965.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Kraft Hockeyville competition. It brought awareness to the myHoneywood campaign and the needs of the Honeywood Arena. We would like to thank all of the incredible volunteers who gave their time, energy, and heart to make our Kraft Hockeyville weekend unforgettable - we are beyond grateful," said Roseann Knechtel, Township of Mulmur clerk.

"While we didn't take home the top prize, we're still celebrating with \$25,000 being given towards arena upgrades and \$10,000 in equipment. And most importantly, a community that came together like never before. We are truly ONE TEAM."



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CAN I GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH?: Attendees of the community event at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex for the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville contest on April 4 and 5 had the chance to get autographs from former NHL player Aaron Downey.

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# OPINION

## The campground is full

If you have ever decided to go camping without a reservation during a long weekend in the summertime, you might see a big sign that says, 'Campground full – No campsites available' when you arrive at the gate.

You may ask whoever is running the place to let you in because you won't take up a lot of room.

But they won't let you in and let you just pitch your tent on some corner of the grounds.

The same thing happens when you arrive at a hotel looking for a room when a big convention is in town.

"Sorry, we don't have any rooms available. They are all booked," says the hotel staff.

You can plead with the concierge or the front desk clerk, but they can't rent you a room they don't have and they won't look the other way if you slip them a \$100 bill and let you sleep in the lobby or a broom closet.

In fact, adjusting prices based on supply and demand in the hotel industry is very common. If you are planning to rent a room in the city where the Super Bowl is taking place, that \$ 150-a-night room will now cost you a lot more because the hotel

knows demand for that room is going to be very high.

So people either pay the higher price for the room or forget about visiting the city altogether.

I have now heard all the major political parties say they plan on building more houses, especially in Ontario.

This claim has now gone from the provincial level to the federal level.

But wait a minute – when did the government start building homes?

I don't recall the province or the federal government ever creating a new subdivision. It's not their responsibility to build homes.

There are plenty of new subdivisions out there, but they all have signs that say something like 'Acme Home Builders – Come see our model homes.'

I've never seen a sign that said, "This subdivision was designed and built by the Ontario government – Come see our model homes."

The province, or feds now, only facilitates new developments by allowing them to happen.

If you think your municipal government has anything to do with it, you're mistaken. The municipality may have something to

do with planning, but the province trumps a municipal government.

Your municipal government only exists at the pleasure of the province. The province can eliminate an entire town or city council at will.

I recall having a conversation with the mayor of a town about a very unpopular development that was going to happen. No one wanted this new subdivision that would drop hundreds of houses, jammed close together, in a semi-rural area with widely spaced houses and big lots.

The residents already living there did not want the tranquillity of their street to be clogged with new traffic on a property that was previously farmland.

When I questioned why he was allowing this to happen, the mayor shrugged and said, "The province said it's going to happen, so it's going to happen whether people like it or not."

The mayor had no control over development in the town he was elected to lead. None at all.

The call to build new houses is not the answer. The damage has already been done.

With so many people arriving on our shores and needing a place to live, the

cost of housing has risen dramatically. For some people, the dream of owning a home in their hometown has disappeared.

Real estate prices never go down. Building another 1 million homes doesn't mean real estate will become affordable again.

No builder is going to develop a property and sell homes for \$300,000 when the guy down the street is selling homes for \$800,000. If you can't afford to buy a home now, you won't be able to afford to buy a home if they actually do build 1 million more houses.

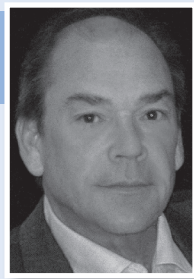
Everyone knows the reason for the increase in housing costs, but no government seems willing to talk about it or provide a solution. They are too afraid they will be labelled as 'anti-immigrant.'

We have more people arriving than we have room.

Both the provincial and, especially the federal governments have to get a grip on the situation.

They are trying to solve a problem after the fact, rather than using careful planning ahead of time.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Third wave of nuclear powers

The 'third wave' of nuclear weapons countries is beginning, and it will be at least as dangerous as the previous waves. Maybe more so, because it will be happening in a world where the old, predatory style of international politics is coming back after a long absence.

The first wave of countries to get nuclear weapons were the five great powers on the winning side in the Second World War. The United States came first, in 1945, and immediately dropped two 'atomic bombs' on Japan. The second was Russia (then calling itself the Soviet Union) in 1949, then the United Kingdom in 1952, France in 1960, and finally China in 1964.

Then the 'proliferation' came to an abrupt end: no other country went nuclear for almost twenty years. Why? Because the Cold War created stable alliances in Europe and Asia in which the other 'western' members felt no need to develop their own nuclear weapons, relying instead on

the American promise of 'extended deterrence'.

The Russians and the Chinese were on their own, mainly because their rival Communist ideologies meant they had no potential great-power allies anyway. The Russians solved their problem by building around 10,000 nuclear weapons. The Chinese settled for 'minimum deterrence' and built only about 300 to retaliate against an attack by either the United States or the Soviet Union. So far so good.

Mention should also be made of Israel, which built its first nuclear weapons in 1966 (with a lot of French help), but it is often not even included in the list of nuclear powers because it never admits to having them. Estimates run from 90 to 400 warheads, deliverable by planes, submarines and land-based missiles.

People have grown relatively comfortable with these arsenals simply because they have not been used for six, seven or

even eight decades. That does not mean they would never be used, but at least their operators have long experience of them.

The second wave of nuclear weapons was mostly in what was then called the 'Third World': successful weapons tests in 1991 in India and Pakistan and in North Korea in 2006, and secret nuclear weapons programs cancelled in South Africa, Argentina and Brazil in the late 1980s. (South Africa already had six bombs but dismantled them).

There was relatively little concern about this in the richer parts of the world, because possible nuclear wars in South Asia, South Africa or South America seemed far enough away from the wealthy North not to pose a major threat to the latter.

In fact, another India-Pakistan war is entirely plausible (there have been three already), and it could easily go nuclear. India currently has only two ballistic missile-firing nuclear submarines, not enough for a permanent at-sea capability. Pakistan has no SLBMs at all and its ballistic missiles could be destroyed on the ground by a surprise attack, so it is in de facto 'launch on warning' mode all the time.

India and Pakistan have around 350 nuclear weapons between them. If all buttons were pressed, that could cause firestorms in so many cities that it would create a mild version of a 'nuclear winter': enough smoke and dust in the upper atmosphere to block much of the Sun's light for years, causing a collapse in food production and widespread famine throughout the northern hemisphere.

And here comes the third wave of nuclear weapons powers, all seeking to replace the lost American guarantee of

nuclear deterrence with some home-grown equivalent: Germany, Poland and possibly even Sweden in Europe; Japan and South Korea in Asia. And if Iran goes nuclear, Turkey and Saudi Arabia will surely follow.

The potential aggressors are mostly the same old lot: Russia for the European countries, and China or North Korea for the Asian ones. Even Canada might now be considering nukes to deter an American invasion if Ottawa were not aware that a Canadian nuclear weapons program would mean instant US military occupation.

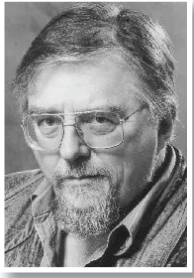
This is definitely a First World wave, which means that the actual weapons could be available in just a couple of years if the various aspirants are willing to burn through a lot of money. It is also a quite unnecessary expense, which will still leave us less safe than we were under the old arrangement.

Nobody designed the remarkably stable system of mutual deterrence that gave us eighty years without a nuclear war. It just evolved out of a thousand smaller decisions that tended always to avoid or postpone or at least lessen the scale of some imminent international confrontation.

Nobody set out to destroy the deterrence system, either. Least of all Donald Trump, who was just seeking some short-term advantages in his usual way. Indeed, his understanding of nuclear deterrence is probably on a par with his understanding of tariffs.

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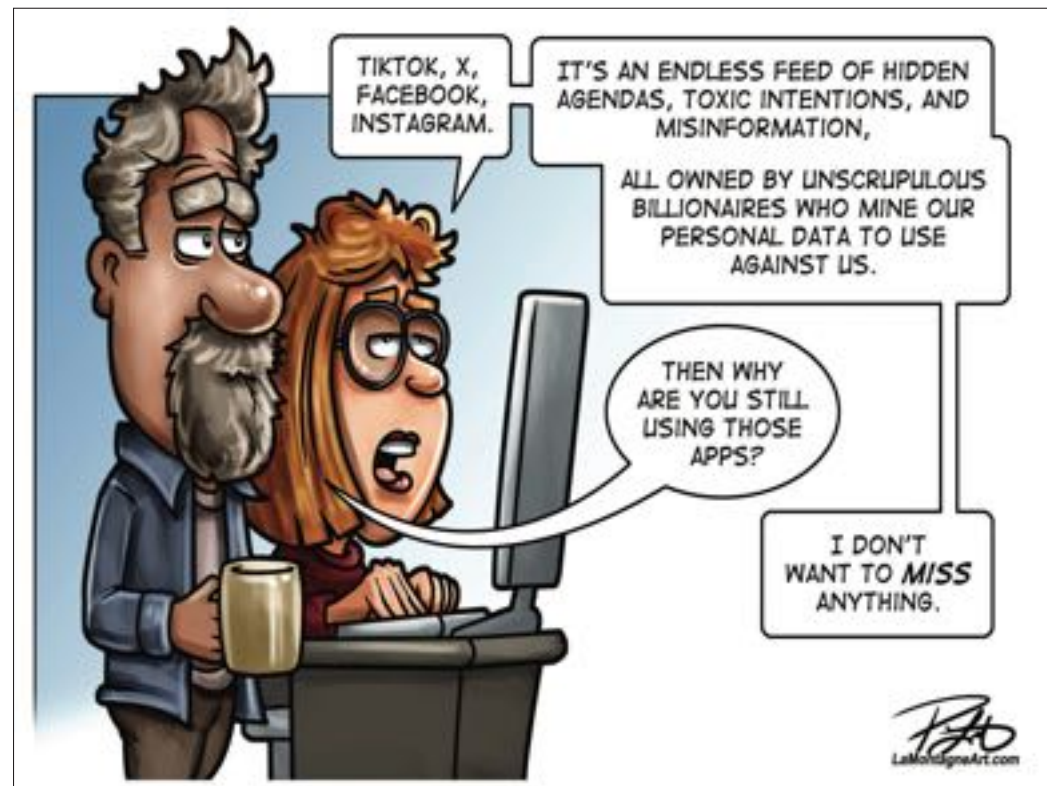
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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Monthly Message: Be One of 1000 – small steps create big change for local youth

In 2017, a 14-year-old boy named Brody walked into a community space where Streams Community Hub was running its first summer camp. He was quiet, unsure of what to expect, but something about the atmosphere made him stay. It wasn't just a camp — it was a place where he could create, where his ideas mattered, and where, for the first time in a long time, he felt like he truly belonged.

What started as a summer experience became something bigger. As the years passed, Brody kept coming back. He wasn't just learning about the arts — he was discovering confidence, mentorship, and a sense of belonging.

But life wasn't easy. He faced challenges no teenager should have to navigate. Struggles with mental health, homelessness, and personal hardships made his path uncertain. Yet, through it all, Streams was a constant. The doors were always open. Someone was always ready to listen.

Today, at 22, Brody is no longer just a participant — he's a leader. He serves as general manager of Town Tees, the local social enterprise connected to Streams, mentoring young people and helping them find their own purpose.

He's proof that when a community invests in its youth, the impact isn't temporary — it lasts for generations.

Brody's story isn't unique. There are countless young people in our community who need a safe place to belong, grow, and find their way forward.

That's why we've launched the One of 1000



campaign — and why we're asking you to be part of it.

### What is One of 1000?

One of 1000 is a simple but powerful idea: if 1000 people commit to giving at least \$10 a month, we can fully fund our programs and ensure more young people like Brody have a place to thrive.

It's about strength in numbers. It's about proving that when a community comes together, incredible things happen.

Here's the reality: \$10 a month — roughly the price of a weekly lottery ticket — is an investment that actually pays off by shaping the future of our youth.

People often think philanthropy requires deep pockets, but real change happens when everyday people step up in small, meaningful ways.

Together, 1000 donors giving \$10 a month creates \$120,000 in sustainable funding each year — money that allows Streams to:

- Offer free and low-cost arts education programs
- Provide scholarships for families who can't afford extracurriculars
- Keep the doors open for kids who need a safe space after school
- Help youth build confidence, self-esteem,

creativity, leadership skills, and career pathways

A small step can lead to big change.

### Why now?

For nearly a decade, Streams Community Hub has removed barriers to arts education, created opportunities for kids who might otherwise miss out, and built a place where every child feels seen and valued.

But running a small charity comes with constant challenges. Sustainable, reliable funding is key to keeping our doors open for kids who need us. Grants come and go. One-time donations help in the short term. Right now, what we need most is steady, grassroots support from people who believe in the next generation.

This is our moment to create lasting change. And we're inviting you to be part of it.

### How you can join

Becoming One of 1000 is easy.

A simple commitment of at least \$10 a month — less than what many of us spend on coffee or takeout — creates a powerful ripple effect.

Here's how to take action today:

1. Visit [streamshub.org/Oneof1000](http://streamshub.org/Oneof1000) – It takes less than two minutes to sign up.
2. Commit to giving at least \$10 a month – A small, recurring gift that makes a huge impact.
3. Spread the word – Share Brody's story. Encourage a friend to join.

Right now, the next Brody is out there — a

child waiting for someone to believe in them.

Be One of 1000. Because every child deserves a place to belong, and every community is stronger when we invest in our future.

### Final thoughts: Why your support matters

When Brody walked into his first Streams program at 14, he wasn't in crisis — he was simply a kid looking for something meaningful to be part of. The work we do at Streams is preventive, not remedial. We don't wait until young people are in trouble; we provide opportunities, mentorship, and safe spaces before they need to be "saved."

But prevention takes time. The full impact of our work unfolds over the years — in the confidence they build, the dreams they pursue, and the choices they make because they know someone believes in them.

That's why long-term, consistent support matters.

As One of 1000, your contributions are tax-deductible — because Streams Community Hub is a CRA-registered charity. But more than that, your giving makes you part of something bigger.

You'll receive updates on how your support is changing lives. You'll see the real impact of your generosity in our community. You'll know that your investment is making a difference before a child reaches a crisis point.

Will you be One of 1000? Because when we invest in our youth, we invest in a stronger, brighter future for all of us.

Visit [streamshub.org/Oneof1000](http://streamshub.org/Oneof1000) and sign up today.

## Community Easter Dinner to be served at Trinity Primrose United Church free of charge

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Everyone deserves a hot meal around Easter.

However, this isn't always the case, as some individuals face financial barriers or don't have family to enjoy the holiday with.

To ensure everyone is looked after, the Rotary Club of Shelburne will hold a Community Easter Dinner at Trinity Primrose United Church (200 Owen Sound St., Shel-

burne) on Wednesday, April 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event is free to attend, and anyone who may need or would enjoy an early Easter meal is encouraged to stop by.

"Join us for an early Easter dinner and share time with family, friends or to make new friends," said Caroline Mach of the Shelburne Rotary Club.

Rotarians will serve ham, vegetables, potatoes and dessert to those in attendance.

This is the first year the local Rotary Club is holding a free Easter dinner event. Club members will determine if it will return next year depending on the community's response this year.

The club is hoping and planning for up to 50 attendees.

The Community Easter Dinner is presented by Food For You, the Rotary Club of Shelburne, and Jimmy & Stef's No Frills in Shelburne.



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# Parents pen public letter alleging ‘Black children in UGDSB are not safe’

Written By **ROBIN GEORGE**

Some parents are frustrated by how the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) responds to anti-Black racism and are calling on the Ministry of Education to conduct an equity audit of the board.

Following more than a year of incidents involving their children, Rockwood residents Nia James and Nyesha Ward, along with a group of other UGDSB parents, penned a public letter to education minister Paul Calandra outlining what they call “deeply entrenched and highly dangerous anti-Black racism within the UGDSB.”

About 200 people signed the letter within a week of its release.

The Upper Grand Black Parent Council, a grassroots group of UGDSB families with Black children and their allies that advocates for Black children in the UGDSB, is behind the letter.

“Though the group has been brought together through trauma, we are working to ensure that UGDSB is effectively addressing and dismantling anti-Black racism specifically,” James said.

The letter’s co-signers include Be the Change, Parents of Black Children, Wellington Water Watchers, Policing-Free Schools and the Black Teachers Association of the Halton Catholic District School Board.

“Despite years of advocacy by Black families and organizations like Parents of Black Children, concerns of Black communities have been ignored by UGDSB’s senior administration,” the letter states.

It claims systemic racism within the UGDSB has led to Black students experiencing chronic and debilitating anxiety, trauma, tics, self-harm and suicidal ideation.

UGDSB director of education Peter Sovran and human rights, equity and accessibility commissioner Alicia Ralph strongly refuted the letter’s claims.

“At the UGDSB, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to dismantling systemic anti-Black racism and advancing human rights throughout our schools,” Ralph stated in a media statement issued in response to the letter.

“We recognize the lived experience of Black students and families and are dedicated to fostering environments where every student feels affirmed, safe and supported.”

In a separate statement, Sovran added, “We will not allow misinformation, personal attacks, or inflammatory narratives

to undermine the real, difficult, and ongoing work being done by many in our system.”

## Letter names Ralph, Sovran

The public letter accuses Ralph of “inaction” and “failing to hold the board accountable.”

In response, Ralph stated board officials are “deeply concerned by the use of public platforms to launch personal attacks – particularly those directed at Black leaders within our system. This must stop.”

Sovran added, “The public targeting of Black women in leadership ... is not only deeply unjust, but emblematic of the very inequities we are working to dismantle.”

The public letter also names Sovran, alleging he “has refused to engage with our families and has consistently failed to directly respond to our emails.”

There have been multiple emails from James, Ward and their husbands asking to meet Sovran to discuss anti-Black racism, along with dozens of emails to at least 20 UGDSB staff members, board officials and trustees regarding anti-Black racism.

According to Ralph, “many of the referenced matters (in the letter) have already been addressed through school-based and systemic processes.”

The letter does not refer to any specific occurrences, and James and Ward say their concerns have not been resolved.

## Group requests meeting

The letter asks the minister to ensure UGDSB’s senior leaders, including Sovran, meet with affected families and groups, including Parents of Black Children, to address issues directly.

(Parents of Black Children is a not-for-profit organization that advocates for Black students facing racism at school.)

The letter also requests an immediate, “third-party equity audit of UGDSB’s policies and practices to assess and provide actionable recommendations for eliminating anti-Black racism in both the short and long term [and] clear timelines for implementing the audit’s recommendations and regular public updates on UGDSB’s progress in addressing these issues.”



ROBIN GEORGE PHOTO

**SPEAKING OUT:** Nia James, left, and Nyesha Ward are concerned about how the UGDSB handles anti-Black racism in its schools.

The statements from Sovran and Ralph do not mention any of the requests, but list “bold, concrete” steps the UGDSB has taken to address anti-Black racism since 2021, including:

- supporting Black students through partnerships, programming and Black student unions;
- offering anti-racism training;
- launching an Africentric Grade 12 English course;
- implementing identity-based harm reporting tools;
- completing a third-party review of its anti-racism and anti-oppression work and developing localized plans;
- advocating to the Ministry of Education for a graduation coach for Black students; and
- establishing a human rights, equity and accessibility office.

“None of this work is symbolic,” Sovran states, “our day-to-day operations and decision making are grounded in a human rights framework.”

The board is also working on a human

rights policy that Ralph says “is designed to eliminate systemic barriers, uphold dignity, and offer clear mechanisms for addressing discrimination.”

The Upper Grand Black Parent Council states in its letter the draft policy does not specifically address anti-Black racism, which “reflects the board’s highly problematic approach to dismantling anti-Black racism and demonstrates a lack of commitment of addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by Black students.”

Ralph said board officials “welcome dialogue that is constructive, respectful, and solutions oriented [and] remain committed to working with all families and partners who share our vision for an inclusive, equitable and safe public education system.”

“The work continues—and it must be done in collaboration, not conflict,” Sovran added.

The Ministry of Education officials did not respond to requests for comment.

To read the full letter visit [win.newmode.net/ugdsb-feb2025](http://win.newmode.net/ugdsb-feb2025).



# STRADA

## AGGREGATES

### Letter of Intent Regarding Strada Aggregates’ Commitment to Community Collaboration on the Proposed Melancthon Quarry

Dear NDACT and Valued Community Members,

As part of our ongoing efforts to develop a proposed quarry within the footprint of our existing 360-acre sand and gravel pit in the Township of Melancthon, Strada remains steadfast in our commitment to openness, science-based decision-making, and meaningful engagement with all stakeholders.

On January 31, 2025, we submitted a draft application to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) for a completeness review to ensure all required technical studies and documentation - ranging from hydrogeological assessments to cultural heritage studies - are in place. The review looks at whether we had the studies, not the content of the studies.

This is only an initial, administrative step in the application process. We have not, and will not, proceed with a final submission for detailed review until we have fully addressed any outstanding concerns raised by the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) and its designated peer reviewers. Their feedback and recommendations will be incorporated into any final, formal submission.

This commitment is rooted in the historic agreement we have forged with NDACT-the first of its kind in Canada-which outlines clear principles for collaboration throughout all phases of the quarry’s development. We view this agreement as a cornerstone of our process, and we are dedicated to resolving any issues identified by NDACT’s peer reviewers in a timely and transparent manner.

To that end, we commit to the following:

- 1. Delay of Formal Submission:** Strada Aggregates will not submit the quarry application for formal MNR review until the remaining technical concerns from the community-trusted advisor have been satisfactorily addressed.
- 2. Ongoing Dialogue:** We will continue regular, good-faith discussions with NDACT and the community to ensure all perspectives are heard and considered.
- 3. Public Updates:** We will provide updates on our progress toward resolution, shared via our website and local channels, to keep the community informed.

We are confident that through this collaborative approach, we can address any remaining issues swiftly and effectively. Our goal is not only to meet regulatory requirements but to file an application that protects residents, the water and the environment by incorporating local knowledge and the feedback of the community’s peer reviewers.

We invite your questions, feedback, and continued participation as we move forward together. For further information or to discuss this commitment, please contact Kevin Powers at [kevin.powers@projectadvocacy.ca](mailto:kevin.powers@projectadvocacy.ca).

Sincerely,  
Grant C. Horan

Strada Aggregates

# Arts & Entertainment

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Shelburne Art Gallery features watercolour nature paintings in latest exhibit

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Calling all art and nature lovers! There's a new exhibit at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery.

Dr. Wendy Van Drunen, a biologist and natural history artist, took over the gallery with her new exhibit, "An Entangled Bank" on April 5. It's on display until April 23.

As a scientist turned artist, Dr. Van Drunen's work revolves around botanical paintings that blend artistic beauty with storytelling.

"Her intricate watercolour works showcase the hidden ecological and evolutionary stories of plants — from resilient greenery sprouting through cracks in concrete to delicate wildflowers in the midst of urban landscapes," reads a press release from the Town of Shelburne.

"Wendy strives to create art that teaches as much as it inspires, transforming a sea of green into a tapestry woven with the unseen tales of plants."

Before becoming an artist, Dr. Van Drunen spent 15 years studying plant biology and evolutionary ecology. She holds a PhD from the University of Guelph as an evolutionary ecologist and has worked as a researcher and science educator at several universities across Ontario.

When describing her approach to art, Van Drunen says, "I aspire to use art as a means of science communication, sharing my excitement about botany and nature with those who see these paintings."

A reception for the exhibit will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery (203 Main Street East, Shelburne).

"The Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery is thrilled to feature Dr. Wendy Van Drunen as our April artist. Her exhibit, 'An Entangled Bank,' is a breathtaking fusion, revealing the hidden narratives of plant life in our everyday surroundings. Wendy's ability to translate ecological and evolutionary stories onto canvas aligns perfectly with our mission to showcase professional artwork that resonates with the community," said Chantel Richards, curator of the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery.

"Since its redevelopment in 2023, the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery has been fully booked, reflecting the incredible interest in local artistry. We are proud to provide a space where artists, educators, and organizations can share their creative works, ranging from historical to contemporary themes. We encourage everyone to visit the gallery and experience Wendy's intricate watercolour paintings while they're on display.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**NATURAL WONDERS:** Dr. Wendy Van Drunen, a biologist and natural history artist, currently has her work on display at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery. Her exhibit, "An Entangled Bank," is on display until April 23 and a reception will be held on April 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to witness nature through the eyes of a scientist turned artist!"

Dr. Van Drunen recently moved to a small home in Shelburne where she and her husband live with their two retired racing greyhounds.

For more information and to view Dr. Van Drunen's work, visit [wevandrunen.github.io](http://wevandrunen.github.io).

## Shelburne's 2025 EDC Breakfast to help businesses' Navigating the Tariff Tightrope

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Shelburne's 2025 Economic Development Committee (EDC) Breakfast is coming to the local Legion early next month.

This year's topic is, "Navigating the Tariff Tightrope: Securing Your Small Business's Future," and attendees will learn how to respond to increasingly hostile trade relations with the United States.

Anyone wondering how to adapt and thrive in this uncertain environment is en-

couraged to attend the event, which runs from 6:30 to 9 a.m. on May 6 at the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 (203 William Street, Shelburne).

Keynote speaker Rachel Battaglia, an economist from RBC, will provide valuable insight into the current tariff situation and its projected impact.

There will also be a focus on future forecasting, exploring opportunities and risks in the year ahead, and networking opportunities to connect with fellow business

leaders, entrepreneurs, and community stakeholders.

Tickets to the EDC Breakfast can be purchased in person at Shelburne Town Hall (203 Main Street East) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. It's important to note, Town Hall is closed each day from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch hour.

Tickets can also be bought online at [eventbrite.ca/e/2025-shelburne-economic-development-committee-edc-break-](http://eventbrite.ca/e/2025-shelburne-economic-development-committee-edc-breakfast-tickets)

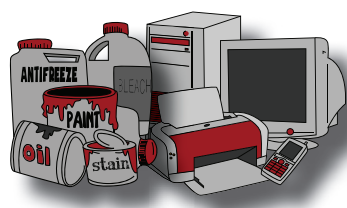
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Including HST, tickets cost \$35.03 in-person or \$38.82 through Eventbrite, due to fees.

"Don't miss the opportunity to equip yourself with the knowledge and tools necessary to safeguard your business's future and stay informed about the exciting growth happening right here in Shelburne!" reads a press release from the Town of Shelburne.

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**Time:** 8am-3pm  
**Location:** Shelburne Operations Centre  
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See website for details on hours & locations for each scheduled event.

Dufferin County residents, including Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Orangeville and Shelburne can attend any of these events.



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## Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival seeking volunteers

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Organizers of the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival are looking for volunteers to help make this year's event a success.

The festival's 2025 Volunteer Drive kicked off last month, and volunteers are still needed to assist with various parts of the festival.

Anyone interested in volunteering can fill out an application online at [orangeville-](http://orangevillebluesandjazz.ca/volunteer)

[lebluesandjazz.ca/volunteer](http://lebluesandjazz.ca/volunteer) or email Norm Trudeau, the festival's volunteer coordinator, at [norm@orangevillebluesandjazz.ca](mailto:norm@orangevillebluesandjazz.ca).

Students can use the volunteer hours they earn at the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival to meet their community service requirements for graduation.

The 21st Annual Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival runs from May 30 to June 1 in downtown Orangeville.



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### Township of Melancthon Branch Pick-Up & Disposal – Important Info & Dates

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- **Corbetton – Wednesday, April 9**
- **Riverview – Wednesday, April 9**

**Rural Property Owners:**

Please call the **Township Office by April 11th** to be added to the list. Same pick-up criteria applies.

**Other Options for Branch Disposal:**

- Obtain a Fire Permit for \$15 (valid till December 31st). This can be done online – [melancthontownship.ca/municipal-services/municipal-fire-permits/](http://melancthontownship.ca/municipal-services/municipal-fire-permits/) or by attending the Municipal Office – 157101 Highway 10
- Post online to offer free firewood in exchange for cleanup
- Hire a contractor
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# Local businesses in search of new employees at the Shelburne Career Fair

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Unemployed residents of Dufferin County will soon have a great opportunity to find a job.

The Shelburne Career Fair is being held at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on April 24 from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Local businesses are looking to meet with individuals interested in securing employment.

Attendees can talk directly to companies that need workers now, learn about jobs

they may have never known existed and find out what skills local employers are looking for. Job fair attendees can also receive expert tips to improve their resumes.

The Shelburne Career Fair is for anyone who's looking for their first real job, wants a job closer to home, or wants a better job than they currently have. Individuals who are thinking about trying something completely different may also benefit from attending the fair.

"Instead of filling out forms online and never hearing back, meet real people who

can hire you on the spot! Bring your resume and you might get interviewed right there!" reads a press release from the Town of Shelburne on the career fair.

"Don't miss this chance to change your life with one visit. The Shelburne Career Fair connects you directly with employers who are eager to meet hard-working people like you!"

No signup or registration is required to attend the Shelburne Career Fair. Simply show up and connect with potential employers.

Participating businesses at the fair in-

clude Pine River Institute, Ice River Sustainable Solutions, Attridge Transportation Inc., KTH Shelburne, Chapman's, SPS, Canadian Armed Forces, Upper Grand District School Board, Kal Tire, McDonald's, Data Cable Co., the County of Dufferin and Hill' N Dale Landscaping.

The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, where the Shelburne Career Fair will be held, is located at 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne.

For more information, go to: [shelburne.ca/en/news/2025-job-fair.aspx](http://shelburne.ca/en/news/2025-job-fair.aspx)

# Malalai Halimi launches Liberal bid in Dufferin-Caledon, takes aim at incumbent MP

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

As the federal election campaign gets underway, Liberal candidate Malalai Halimi is officially launching her bid to represent Dufferin-Caledon, challenging incumbent Conservative MP Kyle Seebach for the riding.

Amid a crowd gathered at her campaign office in Orangeville, Halimi greeted friends, family, and political allies to welcome them to her campaign and express gratitude for their support.

"I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to all of you for being here," she said. "Here today at our new campaign office, surrounded by so many supporters, friends, MPs and our past candidates."

Halimi's campaign is centred on a message of unity, something she says is a contrast to the Conservative platform, which has dominated Dufferin-Caledon. Since the riding's creation, it has held a Conservative seat that has gone unbroken since 2004.

"We know that our community is strong, we are not broken," she said. "While the Conservatives have voted against programs like \$10 a day child care, a national food program, dental care, PharmaCare and more, the Liberals have and will continue to introduce policies to support the middle class and protect the environment, build more homes and keep Canada strong."

She voiced strong support for Liberal Party leader Mark Carney, citing alignment on key priorities such as affordability, housing, and international trade.

"I have been very pleased to hear some of the priorities Mister Carney is focused on," Halimi said. "Standing up against Donald Trump and his threats, cutting taxes for the middle classes, saving families up to \$825

a year and building 4 million homes across Canada. Mark Carney and I are focused on growing the economy, diversifying industries, uniting our Canadian economy, and growing trade partnerships with international allies."

Halimi emphasized that now more than ever, Canada needs leadership that can bring people together during uncertain times.

Halimi, who lives in Dufferin-Caledon with her family, says it was her experience in the community that inspired her to run for office. She made an emotional appeal to voters about the need for strong leadership in the face of global and national challenges.

"Dufferin-Caledon is my home. It's where I'm raising my 3 teenagers, and where I hope to build a better future for them and our residents,"

"It will take strong, experienced leadership, not slogans, to get us through the challenges we face in the years ahead."

Currently, Halimi has focused her time on community events and reaching out to voters. She has visited events across the riding to better connect, and said that she is grateful for the experience it brought.

"I have met thousands of incredible people all over Dufferin-Caledon and I have been able to hear from so many different Caledon residents about their priorities and concerns here at home," she said. "And one message that keeps ringing through is Mister Carney's statement that markets don't have value, people do."

She said that this election will be critical for the future of Canada, and echoing Mark Carney's statement, she said the people are the most important part.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**CAMPAIGN LAUNCH:** Malalai Halimi is joined by Maninder Sidhu of Brampton East as they pose with supporters and allies after delivering a speech at her campaign office on Thursday, March 27.

"Everything we love about Canada is at stake in this election because of Donald Trump's threats," she said. "I'm confident that Canadians recognize that and will come out to elect a strong government that will stand up for our economy, our sovereignty, and keep Canada strong."

Among the guests at the campaign launch was Brampton East MP Maninder Sidhu, who voiced strong support for Halimi.

"It was very important for me to be here tonight to show my support," Sidhu said. "You've got a wonderful candidate here, in Malalai. We've been knocking doors in

Brampton, you've been knocking doors here. The energy is very real, people want real change."

"When we come together, when we unite, we stand for Canada," he said. "So let's keep building."

Let's turn this riding red. I'm so delighted, so excited for Malalai and the whole team here."

Until the polls close, Halimi plans to continue campaigning, and hosting events to connect further with Dufferin-Caledon residents. Next up, she will be hosting a Barbeque on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Track and field athletes start training for spring meet

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Track and field athletes at Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) have started training for upcoming District 4/10 meets that will start with an indoor event at the University of Guelph on April 17.

Two more outdoor meets will follow in May with competitors hoping to qualify to move to regional competition at CWOSSA.

Grade 12 CDDHS student Elle Daly, who previously competed in long-distance running, is focused on shorter races this year, including the 400m and the 800m.

"This year I'm moving away from the long distance races and focusing on the 400m and 800m," Elle said. "I'm still going to do the steeple chase. The 800 is more of a sprint and it's all about who can hold their sprint the longest. It's two laps around the track and you just have to have that drive and not give up."

Athletes have started indoor training to get in shape before moving to the outdoor track.

"We've already started doing indoor workouts to get our cardio up," Elle explained. "All year round I'm doing hockey so my cardio is always up."

Elle has been running since she was in elementary school.

CDDHS senior Trinity Newhook is competing in the javelin competition and is expected to do well this season.

When she started with the event there was only her and one other girl in the javelin event at Centre Dufferin. Trinity takes her sport seriously and also trains on her own. She uses a regular javelin and a shorter javelin for indoor training.

"Ms. Rankin (coach) really took us under her wing at the beginning. I have a javelin that I have at home. I've been waiting for the weather to get better. You can use a practice javelin which is shorter. With a javelin, it's all about the weight so you can balance it on each end. You can still practice your form with the shorter javelin. It helps you with your technique and you can focus



FILE PHOTO

**JUMPING HIGH:** Track and field athletes at Centre Dufferin District High School have started indoor training to get ready for spring meets. There will be qualifying meets with athletes hoping to make the cut to go to CWOSSA and OFSAA.

on your footing and your walk-up as you get ready to throw. That's what we're focusing on now."

Grade 12 student Quinn Millsap is a high jumper who has competed through high school.

Quinn hopes he will achieve his best performance in the sport in his senior year.

"We started indoor practices two weeks ago in the gym," Quinn said. "During training we work on a bunch of things from the approach to take off to the flight and the landing. With high jump, it's very specific about how you're going to jump and how you're going to approach so you hit those same marks every single time. This is my se-

nior year so I'm excited to see how many of my records I can beat, and see how far and how high I can jump this year. I'm always trying for a personal best and trying to do better than the last time."

Centre Dufferin athletes are expecting a good showing at District 4/10 meets this year.

## Eight teams remain in the fight for province-wide 2025 Junior C Schmalz Cup

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The battle for the 2025 Junior C Schmalz Cup is underway with eight teams in the first round of playoffs in the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Conference finals are a best-of-seven series with the first team winning four games to become conference champions.

When the conference championships are decided, the remaining four teams will go into the next round to determine who will

go to the Schmalz Cup provincial championship final series.

The defending Schmalz Cup champions, the Lakeshore Canadiens, were eliminated in the Stobbs Division championship series after taking a 4-2 series loss to the Essex 73s.

The Terriers are now up against the Hanover Barons in the North conference final in the first round of the Schmalz Cup playoffs.

After three games, the Barons are leading

the series 2-1.

The East Conference Final has the Napanee Raiders up against the Clarington Eagles.

Clarington finished the regular season as the first-place team in the East Orr Division with a 36-7 record.

Napanee finished in second place in the East Tod Division after another upset where they eliminated the first-place Frankford Huskies in six games.

Napanee is leading that series 2-0.

In the South Conference Final, the New Hamburg Firebirds are leading the Grimsby Peach Kings 2-1 after three games.

Both teams finished in second place in their division this season.

The Firebirds are a surprise entry this

year. They finished second in the regular season, but the South Doherty Division had an upset when the fourth-place Wellesley Applejacks managed to knock out the first-place Norwich Merchants in the second round of that division's playoffs.

New Hamburg won over Wellesley in the division final.

The West Conference Final has the Essex 73s up against the Petrolia Flyers.

Essex finished in first place in the West Stobbs Division with a 37-5 record.

Petrolia won the West Yeck Division, finishing the regular season with a 29-14 record.

The 73s are leading that series 2-0.

The latest date the conference finals can wrap up is April 17.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**ELLE DALY**

A life long athlete, CDDHS track and field team member, Elle Daly, specializes in running on the track.

"I've been running since elementary school," Elle explained. "I've always done cross country running. In Grade Nine I went to OFSAA West with the school for the 3000 metre."

This season, Elle is going to focus on the 400 metre and 800 metre competition.

A well rounded athlete, Elle also plays on the school's girls' hockey team, and field hockey and volleyball, and plays hockey with the Orangeville Tigers.

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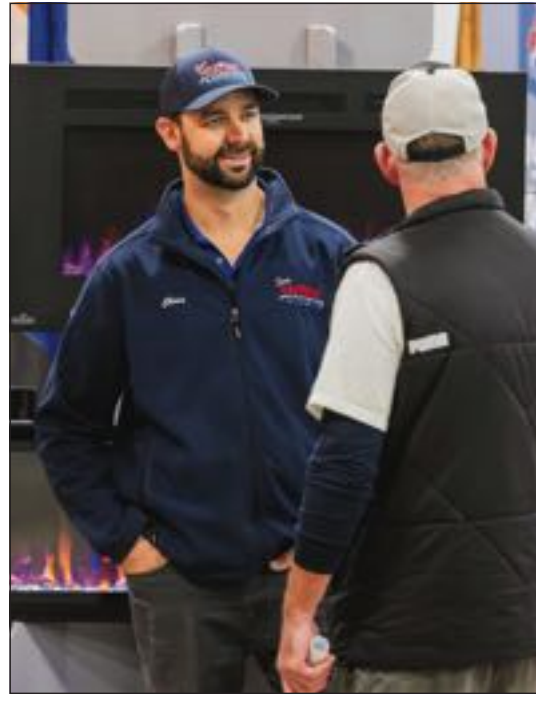


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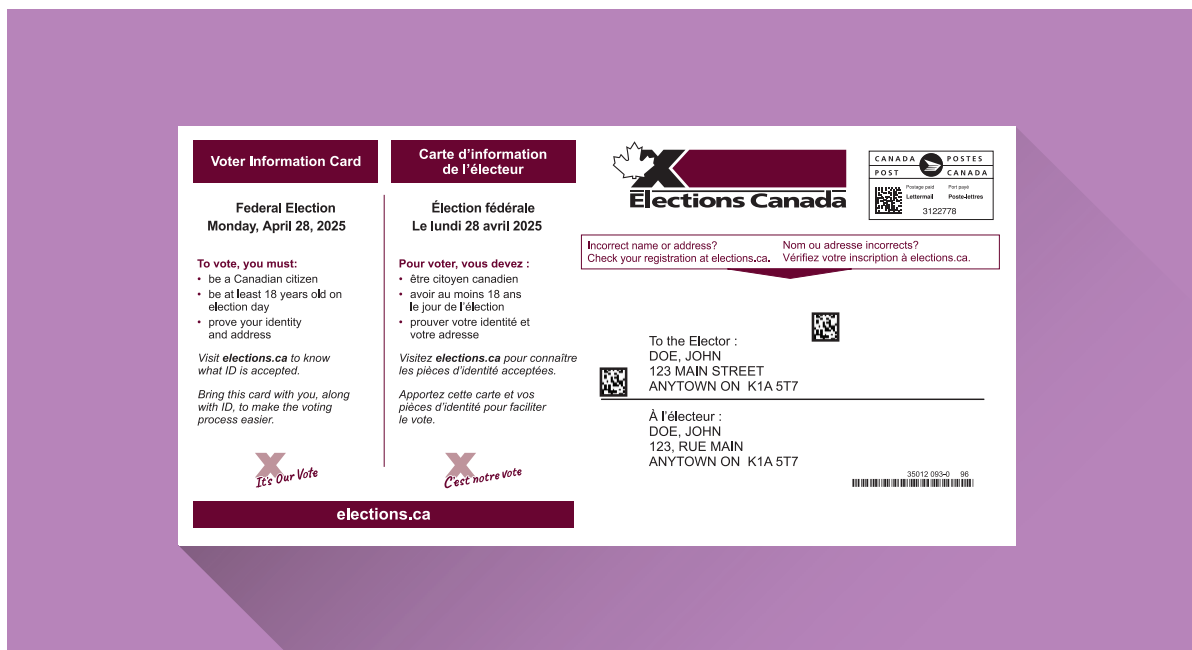
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**SPRING HAS SPRUNG:** The local Lions Club held the 26th Annual Orangeville Home & Garden Show from April 4 to 6 at the Orangeville Fairgrounds, with 135 exhibitors filling nearly 190 booths. There was a wide variety of businesses there, with a focus on home renovations, landscaping, pools, doors, windows and interior design. For the first time, the event featured a Speakers Corner, with presentations from various vendors. Funds raised at the Home & Garden Show are used by the Orangeville Lions to support charities and community projects. Some examples of community projects include the Sports Park on Diane Drive and the BMX Park next to the Alder Recreation Centre, which is getting a pump track, funded by the Town of Orangeville and Lions Club.

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### WILLOUGHBY (BILL) TOM BENTLEY

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Bill passed away peacefully at Headwater Health Care Centre in his 95th year. Beloved husband of Shirley. Loving father of Michael (Anita), Darryl (Rhonda) and Patricia. Proud Grandfather of William (Ainsley), Thomas (Jamiee), Johnathan (Stephanie), Christianna, Mitchell, Allie (Chris), Samantha, Mary (Mateo) and Adam. Great Grandpa to Charlotte, Everleigh, and Hudson.



Bill operated a dairy farm in Amaranth until selling in 1989 (Shirwill Farms). He worked at Honda Canada Alliston for 6 years until the age of 65. He also worked for Carmen Doney Construction. He worked on the ski hills in Mansfield and on the potato fields in Melancthon. Farming and family were his passion.

Bill will be surely missed.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Avalon, Shelburne Residents, and Headwaters Health Care Centre- E Wing, for their amazing care and compassion over the years.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday April 26, 2025, at 11:00 am, with a service starting at 11:30am, at the Shelburne Legion, 203 William Street Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 3L6.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory can be made to the Headwater Health Care Foundation-Highest Priority Equipment and Projects.

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# Impaired driving charges laid by Dufferin OPP in Shelburne

## RIDE PROGRAM RESULTS IN IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

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

On April 3, just before 12 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers were conducting a RIDE spot check in the area of Owen Sound Street in Shelburne.

A vehicle entered the area and was met by officers. After a brief conversation, they began an impaired driving investigation.

Summer Hunter, 26, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Her driver's license was suspended, and her vehicle was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been

proven in court

## ORTON DRIVER CHARGED

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged an Orton resident with impaired operation related offences in Shelburne as the result of a traffic complaint.

Dufferin OPP officers were dispatched to the area of Centre Street in Shelburne on March 31, just before 3:30 p.m., for a female who was believed to be impaired behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

Officers were able to locate the accused

shortly thereafter. After a brief conversation, the officers quickly identified signs that led them to initiate an impaired driving investigation.

Sandra Carpentier, 58, from Orton, 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. Her driver's license was suspended, and her vehicle was impounded.

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

# Shelburne Public Library shares upcoming events, recommended read this week

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many exciting events for adults coming up at the Shelburne Public Library in the next few weeks:

On April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be live demos of the library's kiosk at Shelburne Foodland! If you're curious about how the kiosk works, drop by between 10

a.m. and 4 p.m. to have library staff show you how.

No library card? No problem — library staff will register you on the spot, just bring a piece of photo ID.

On April 16, at 12 p.m., an event is being held for National Canadian Film Day. Join the Shelburne Public Library and watch Force of

Nature: The David Suzuki Movie.

Also on April 16, at 7 p.m., the Coffee, Conversation & Books event will feature Sonia Day at the Grand Valley Public Library.

On April 26, at 2 p.m., David T. Chapman will present Exploring Birds of Ontario III and provide attendees with tips and tricks to identify birds quickly in the wild.

On May 4, at 2 p.m., the Library Literary Event will feature Robert Rotenberg at the Shelburne Public Library.

Please register for any of the above events by calling the library at 519-925-2168 or by visiting its website at: [www.shelburnelibrary.ca](http://www.shelburnelibrary.ca)

## RECOMMENDED READ:

*Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte Mccornaghy: Dominic Salt and his three children

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**Why Amy recommends it:** This book is haunting, atmospheric, and character-driven. I couldn't put it down, as I was gripped by the slow burn of each character's secrets being revealed, as well as the haunting depictions of global warming and its destruction of the natural world. It's one of those books that will stay with me long after reading it.

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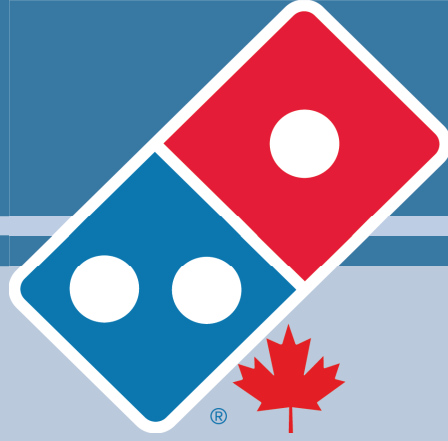
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