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ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO

**CANDIDATES CLASH:** The Dufferin Board of Trade held a Federal Election Debate at Orangeville's Opera House (87 Broadway) on Tuesday, April 15. Participating candidates, from left, were Dymna Carolan, People's Party of Canada; Jeffrey Halsall, independent; Kyle Seeback, Conservative Party of Canada; and Viktor Karklins, New Democratic Party.

## Dufferin-Caledon candidates share views at local debate

Written By **ZACHARY ROMAN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local candidates in the upcoming federal election shared their thoughts on key issues at a recent debate.

From 7 to 9 p.m. on April 15, the Dufferin Board of Trade hosted an all-candidates debate at the Orangeville Opera House (87 Broadway).

The debate was well-attended by the public, and the following candidates were there: Kyle Seeback, Conservative Party of Canada; Viktor Karklins, New Democratic Party; Dymna Carolan, People's Party of Canada; and Jeffrey Halsall, independent.

Liberal Party of Canada candidate Malalai Halimi and Green Party of Canada candidate Ifra Baig were not in attendance.

Halimi's campaign spokesperson Dmytro Basmal told the Citizen she was unable to attend the debate due to a "scheduling conflict." Basmal said she was in Bolton door-knocking alongside Brampton-Centre MP Shaqfat Ali during the time of the debate.

Green Party candidate Ifra Baig posted a statement on social media where she apologized for not being able to attend the debate. Baig is a post-secondary school student and noted that the debate and an important exam were scheduled for the same time, preventing her from attending.

The Dufferin Board of Trade hosted the debate in partnership with the Orangeville Food Bank, Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, and Headwaters Communities in Action with support from Theatre Orangeville.

Questions from the public and organizers

were asked of candidates.

The Orangeville Food Bank asked candidates how they would confront the growing crisis in which even full-time workers are having to line up at the food bank because their paychecks no longer cover life's basic necessities.

Halsall said strengthening Canada's economy by lowering taxes and getting young people into the trades is key.

"I'm all about strengthening the economy and working from the ground up," said Halsall.

Seeback said the issue is all about affordability. He said the Conservatives would cut taxes by 15 per cent for the average family and implement their plan to make housing more affordable.

"There will be no capital gains tax if you reinvest that capital in the country. Imagine what that's going to do for building and development. You're not going to pay a capital gains tax if you sell something and you reinvest in Canada and build something else," said Seeback. "We're going to sell off 6,000 federal buildings so they can be turned into affordable housing for people."

Seeback said the Conservatives would sell off thousands of acres of federal land so it can be used for housing, and incentivize municipalities to reduce their development charges.

Karklins said the NDP's platform promises three million new homes built by 2030. He said the party would make the Government of Canada build houses again.

"Private developers love profit and that's OK, that's their job... let's stop incentivizing them and begging them to do something. Let's

just go build some houses," said Karklins.

He said the NDP has allocated \$16 billion in its platform to do just that.

Carolan said Canada's housing and affordability crisis is caused by high levels of immigration.

"We should turn off the taps on immigration, that'll cool everything down and allow our economy to get back in shape," said Carolan.

The Dufferin Federation of Agriculture asked candidates what policies they would implement to encourage stable trading environments and access to diversified markets for Canadian agriculture.

Seeback said non-tariff barriers are preventing Canadian agricultural products from accessing markets around the world.

"Countries come up with these sort of fake and phony sanitary conditions like, 'we don't like the carcass wash you're using for beef so your cattle can't come into the U.K.,'" said Seeback. "We need a government that's going to stand up for farmers and get rid of these ridiculous non-tariff barriers."

Karklins said Canada needs to work inter-provincially and with partners all around the world, not just the United States.

"Let's not just sit on our hands, let's do something," said Karklins.

Carolan said the People's Party of Canada would like to work with the United States. She also said it would demolish Canada's supply management system for products like dairy and poultry.

To view the debate in its entirety, those interested can visit [dufferinbot.ca/2025election](http://dufferinbot.ca/2025election).

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# Shelburne to receive strong mayor powers: Operations to continue 'business as usual'

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills has reassured fellow councillors he "doesn't plan to exercise" the new authority allotted to him with the province's proposed expansion of "strong mayor" powers.

During their meeting on Monday (April 14), Shelburne Town Council addressed the provincial government's announcement, which proposed the expansion of strong mayor powers to the heads of council in 169

additional municipalities, including Shelburne and Orangeville.

Mills told Shelburne councillors that there was no prior notification of the expansion given ahead of the press release that was issued on April 9.

"I was as surprised as anybody else," said Mills.

The province's press release says the strong mayor powers will help deliver on provincial priorities such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure. All Ontario municipalities with six or more

councillors were selected to receive strong mayor powers.

The move allows mayors to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer, hire and fire certain municipal department heads, create committees of council, and appoint committee chairs as well as vice-chairs. It also allows heads of council to veto bylaws and approve budgets with only one-third of council's support.

While Mills noted that he doesn't anticipate any change to come with the new powers given by the province, he did express

concerns with the decision.

"The power, once it's implemented, is there and we aren't always going to be the ones in these seats. But that power is given by the province and can be taken away by the province," said Mills.

"From a practical level, it's business as usual and we'll continue to operate the same way we have."

The expansion of strong mayor powers to 169 Ontario municipalities is expected to go into effect on May 1.

# Local falconer granted exemption for raptors from Town of Shelburne's Animal Control Bylaw

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Shelburne resident will be able to keep a bird of prey at his residential home.

During their meeting on Monday (April 14), Shelburne Town Council approved granting relief of the Animal Control Bylaw, allowing resident Julien Wong Lun Hing Devonish to keep a hawk on his property.

Wong Lun Hing Devonish initially approached Shelburne Town Council with the request during a council meeting in February. He currently owns one raptor and works with two others for animal control.

"As falconry is provincially regulated, it is entirely possible for the township to make an exemption to the current ban on exotic pets for those who hold a valid provincial license," wrote Wong Lun Hing Devonish, in the February delegation letter.

Falconry is a regulated heritage practice of training birds of prey to hunt wild game, including assisting in the conservation of wildlife and pest control.

To practice falconry in Ontario, an individual must obtain an Apprentice Falconry Licence, which requires a small game hunting license, an apprenticeship under an experienced falconer, and a completion of the Ontario Hawking Club Apprenticeship Program.

It was recommended that Shelburne Council implement conditions for granting relief of the bylaw.

The five recommended conditions include:

- **Proper Enclosure and Housing:** The resident must construct a secure enclosure for the bird to prevent escape and minimize any risk to the public or neighbours. The enclosure must meet the standards set by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Town's Zoning Bylaw, and receive approval from the Ministry.

- **Animal Welfare Standards:** The resident must ensure that the bird is provided with

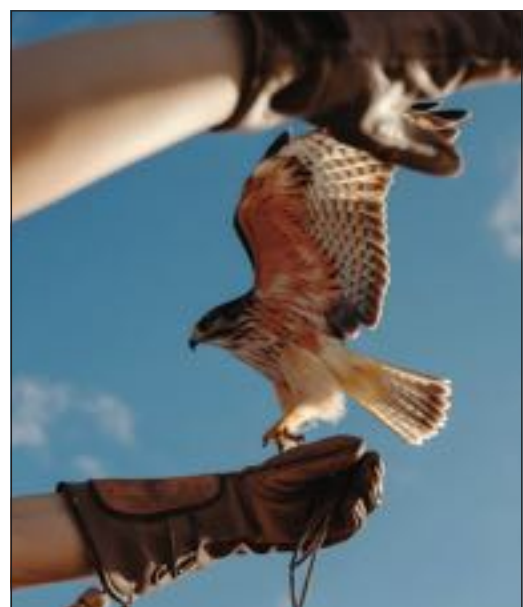
appropriate care, including a balanced diet, veterinary care and adequate shelter. Assurance will need to be provided by the resident.

- **Noise Control:** The bird should be housed in a way that minimizes noise disruptions to neighbours. Measures must also be taken to ensure the bird is not left unsupervised in public or residential spaces for prolonged periods.

- **Compliance with Licensing Requirements:** The resident must maintain an active falconry license issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and provide proof of compliance with any applicable regulations.

- **Duration of Permit:** The approval will be subject to an annual permitting process with the resident needing to submit a yearly request to staff if they wish to continue keeping the bird beyond the first year.

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills clarified that



FILE PHOTO

**SPREADING WINGS:** Shelburne Town Council has approved a local resident's request to be exempt from animal control bylaw permitting him to keep bird of prey at his residence.

# Council proclaims 'Shelburne Rotary Day' for April 22, commemorative flag raising planned

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is honouring the rich heritage of the Rotary Club of Shelburne as the service club celebrates 87 years of leadership and fundraising for projects benefitting local residents.

During a meeting on Monday (April 14), Shelburne Town Council proclaimed April 22 as "Shelburne Rotary Day" in the community.

"I urge all citizen to recognize the many contributions Shelburne Rotary has made to our community and commend the club for a wonderful heritage and a bright future," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne was first established on April 22, 1938. The local chapters is part of Rotary International, a global organization founded in 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago. According to Rotary International, there are over 45,000 Rotary Club in over 200 countries with over 1.4 million members worldwide.

The motto of the Rotary Club is "Service

Above Self."

Today, the Shelburne Rotary Club consists of 15 men and women who continue to build on what was started more than 85 years ago.

The Shelburne Rotary Club hosts many community events and donates to local organizations and projects each year.

Recent community projects the Shelburne Rotary Club supported include the splash pad at Greenwood Park and the purchase of a cargo van for the Shelburne Food Bank. The Shelburne Rotary Club also regularly supports the the local food bank, the Rotary Backpack program, Christmas Hamper program and youth sports.

The Town of Shelburne and the Rotary Club of Shelburne will be holding a flag raising ceremony on April 22 at 10 a.m. at Jack Downing Park to mark the date the local Rotary Club was founded in 1938.

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Shelburne visit [www.ShelburneRotaryClub.com](http://www.ShelburneRotaryClub.com). Those interested in joining the local service club can contact them by email at [shelburnerotary@gmail.com](mailto:shelburnerotary@gmail.com).

should any of the set conditions not be maintained, council has the authority to revoke the exception.

Residents living within 60 metres of Wong Lun Hing Devonish's residence were given the opportunity to provide input on the decision.

Jennifer Willoughby, director of legislative services for the Town of Shelburne, told

Council that no responses, questions or concerns were received regarding the exemption.

While Shelburne Council has granted relief from the bylaw, allowing Wong Lun Hing Devonish to keep his hawk, the exemption does not permit him to train, hunt or allow the bird to fly freely within the Town of Shelburne's boundary.



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# OPINION

## Supply and demand

Supply and demand – that’s the way the world works when it comes to the economy.

If you produce a product or provide a service no one needs or wants, you will soon find yourself out of business.

On the flip side, if there is a high demand for something you have, you’re going to get rich if you follow good business practices and make your product available.

Some countries base their entire economy around one or two key products that the rest of the world needs and is willing to pay for.

If your country is the only place in the entire world where the climate is suitable to grow ‘dingo beans’ and the rest of the world wants those beans, you have the start of a flourishing trade situation.

Much of the world economy is intertwined in a network of goods and services needed to keep the world supplied and moving forward.

Everyone uses a pencil at some time or another. Most children learn to write with a pencil.

A pencil is an inexpensive product. You can buy a handful at the dollar store for a buck.

But when you break down the process

of how that pencil arrived on the store shelf, there’s a lot more going on than you may realize.

The wood that creates the pencil comes from somewhere. People were paid to chop down that tree, transport the logs to the sawmill, and cut those logs into a usable shape.

Someone designed a saw, and someone else produced the saw that cut down the tree.

The yellow paint that covers the pencil was made by someone who procured the needed chemicals from someone else.

The little eraser at the top of the pencil came from a rubber-producing country that grew the plants and processed the latex into a usable product. The brass tip that holds the eraser came from a mine somewhere in the world.

The graphite that allows the pencil to write on the page also came from a mine somewhere in the world.

A lot of people were employed and made money from that little writing instrument.

Bullets and artillery shells are another product that are in high demand around the world.

You can’t write your grocery list on a sheet of paper with an artillery shell, but

you can use it to kill a lot of people.

Industry, business, and arms dealers make a lot of money by producing military weapons and everything that goes along with keeping the world’s armies equipped. And they want to keep making money.

The U.K. just announced a £450 million military aid package for Ukraine to fund drones, anti-tank mines, radar systems, and critical repairs to military vehicles.

That kind of money is huge, but in terms of military weapons, it isn’t all that much. However, it is still a lot of money that would be better used in other ways.

There are a lot of people who are hoping for war and a continued state of war. The more nations kill each other, the more money these people put in their pockets.

It has been theorized that the world is entering a stage of perpetual war and is being guided in that direction by the people who call the shots.

I used to dismiss this as some sort of conspiracy theory, however, events over recent years seem to point to a situation where there may be some truth in this.

A few years ago, a manufacturer in the US got into some trouble. It seems he had been clandestinely inserting bible verses by the number into the serial numbers of

his products.

Apparently, ‘love thy neighbour’ doesn’t sit well with government types.

This story in itself, wasn’t a big deal. It was the information at the end of the story that caught my eye.

The company had a \$600 million contract with the US government to manufacture and supply rifle scopes for troops in Afghanistan.

I crunched a few numbers, and there is no way that dollar figure makes sense.

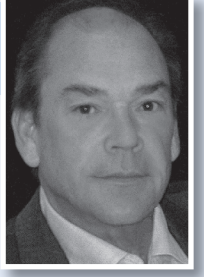
If this company is getting more than half a billion dollars just for rifle scopes, how much are the companies that supply the military with everything else put in the bank every year?

Half of Europe has already gone on high alert with calls to start mobilizing for war. The arms manufacturers and dealers must be shopping for new private airplanes and yachts knowing what may happen over the next few years.

When there is a demand, there will be a supply.

Unfortunately, the price may be paid by the next generation.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Gaza: A statistical anomaly

I was just idly looking at the casualty numbers the other day and I noticed that there was something badly wrong with them. This will take a little time and a few stats, but it’s worth staying with it.

The number of civilians killed in Ukraine in three years of war, most of them from rockets, bombs and shells but a small proportion by bullets, is 12,605. Ukraine’s current population, not counting the 10 million people living under Russian military occupation or as refugees abroad, is about 29 million.

The number of people killed in Gaza in half that time (eighteen months), most of them from rockets, bombs and shells but a small proportion by bullets, is 50,600. The current population of the Gaza Strip, almost none of whom have been able to leave, is just over 2 million.

Now, the Israelis would point out that many of the Palestinian deaths were combatants, and it is true that the Gaza

Health Ministry (GHM) does not record the military status of the casualties who are brought in to the various hospitals still functioning in Gaza. So let’s just exclude all Palestinian men of military age, regardless of whether they were fighters or not.

That means 59.1 per cent of the dead with ‘traumatic injuries’ seen in hospitals are children, women and old men: definitely civilians. Although the Israelis claim that these numbers are false because Hamas runs the GHM, its reports are considered reliable by the United Nations, the World Health Organization, Human Rights Watch and the international media.

Moreover, a peer-reviewed analysis published by the respected British medical journal The Lancet in January 2025 concluded the GHM had undercounted deaths due to traumatic injury by 41 per cent in its reports, mainly because so many corpses still lie buried under the ruins of their homes. (Bodies in Ukraine

are almost always recovered, but this is often impossible in Gaza.)

Therefore, the Lancet study estimated, traumatic injury deaths in Gaza as of October 2024 probably exceeded 70,000 as opposed to the GHM’s reported 41,909. Another six months have passed since then, but two of those months were a ceasefire so let’s say only another 20,000 deaths, for a total of 90,000 since October of 2023.

We’re almost there. Just one more calculation.

Out of those 90,000 deaths, using the estimate in The Lancet that 59.1 per cent of ‘traumatic deaths’ in Gaza were children, women and old men, there were 53,190 civilians killed in the Strip by bombs, rockets, shells and small arms since October 2023.

Now we have a number for civilians killed by Israelis in Gaza that can be roughly but fairly compared with the number of civilians killed by Russians in Ukraine – and do you see what’s wrong? About FOUR times as many civilians have been killed in Gaza, in HALF the time, out of a population LESS THAN ONE-TENTH AS BIG.

I’m not suggesting here that the Israelis are conducting a genocide in Gaza. I’m just pointing out that something very unpleasant is going on – and it can’t be explained away by saying that Gaza is a lot more crowded than Ukraine. Almost all the Russian strikes that kill civilians in Ukraine also hit crowded cities.

There is a plausible explanation, but it isn’t pretty. Most people don’t know this, but the better armies – the ones that try to keep civilian casualties at a minimum

– can estimate in advance how many civilians will die if they carry out a particular artillery or air strike.

There’s even software to calculate how many civilians would die as ‘collateral damage’ for a strike that kills one low-ranking enemy combatant. The Israeli version of this program is called ‘Lavender,’ and it has been intensively used in Gaza to identify probable militants.

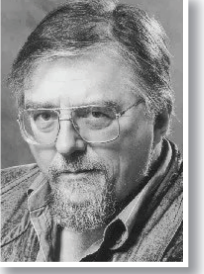
Six Israeli intelligence officers told +972 Magazine last year that they regularly consulted pre-set limits for the number of civilians who could be killed before they authorized strikes on various levels of suspected Hamas members.

This limit can go up and down, but in the early part of the war it was often up around 15-20 civilian deaths for a single low-level militant. Moreover, they preferred to strike the target at home, because then they could use a cheap, unguided ‘dumb bomb’ and just drop the entire house on its occupants, wiping out the entire family.

“You don’t want to waste expensive bombs on unimportant people,” one said, and that is probably the best answer we’re ever going to have for this sad statistical anomaly. Which leaves us with the surprising fact that the Russian army cares more about the lives of enemy civilians than the Israeli Defence Force does.

But then, the Russians believe (mistakenly) that Ukrainians are really Russians who have just lost their bearings, whereas the Israelis believe that Palestinians are... well, just Arabs.

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# Local woman's 80 acts of kindness for her 80th birthday raises \$42,000 for Headwaters

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An East Garafraxa resident's efforts to complete a year's worth of small acts of kindness has moved Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) one step closer to fully funding a new piece of hospital equipment.

Joanne Everson, a life-long resident of Dufferin County, raised a total of \$42,000 for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) after hosting a lunch gathering at her home in December.

Knowing she would be turning 80 years old in August of 2024, Joanne set out at the start of last year to complete a total of 80 deeds of kindness.

"I have had some health issues, and I'm very grateful to be alive so I wanted to make my 80th birthday special for some other people," she explained.

Over the months, she took part in countless small acts of kindness, such as helping to start a stuck truck with her jumper cables or offering bungee cords to a couple anchoring a piece of furniture to their car.

"They were incidents that would just come in my path and I would want to do

the kind thing," said Joanne. "It's really important to be kind to people and to show gratitude for Your health."

By the time the end of the year came around, Joanne hadn't reached her goal of 80 kind deeds, so she decided to host a fundraising event for the local hospital. In December, she welcomed guests into her home for a holiday lunch and despite snowy conditions, roughly 18 guests gathered for food and conversation.

An astonishing \$21,000 was raised from the event, which was then matched by the Morningview Foundation for a total donation of \$42,000.

"It turned out to be a very successful luncheon," said Joanne. "I just had it in my mind that I wanted to do something for other people."

Joanne and her husband Barry chose to direct the money raised from her luncheon gathering to the Smart Headwaters Campaign, which is looking to raise a total of \$18 million for equipment upgrades at the local hospital.

The donation was directed to HHCF's latest project, the purchase of a roughly \$7 million magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine.

Previous projects the Smart Headwaters Campaign has helped fund include a CT scanner, redevelopment of the dialysis unit at Headwaters, and updates to the hospital's patient record system.

"We're very grateful to have this kind of grassroots support because honestly, without it, there's no way we could finish any campaign. At this stage, it really comes down to these individual community supports to get us across the finish line," said Joel Porter, director of philanthropy for Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

"Joanne and the group she assembled represent to us, the best that our community has to offer. Self-motivated efforts and the kind of care that people choose to give, often to those they'll never know or meet, but that they're helping a lot of people all around our area," added Porter.

The MRI machine at Headwaters Health Care Centre is estimated to be up and running by early July.

Dufferin County residents have the same opportunity to host their own events to raise donations for the local hospital.

More information can be found online by visiting the website: [www.hhcfoundation.com](http://www.hhcfoundation.com).



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**80 ACTS OF KINDNESS:** Joanne and Barry Everson helped raise a total of \$42,000 for the purchase of an MRI machine at Headwaters Hospital after hosting a luncheon event in December. The donation was part of Joanne's 2024 goal to complete 80 deeds of kindness in celebration of her 80th birthday.

# Six-year-old Theo Opper selected as ambassador for this year's Dufferin Autism Walk

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Dufferin Autism Walk has a fresh face representing this year's fundraiser.

Orangeville resident Theo Opper, 6, is this year's walk ambassador, and will be leading the walk when it takes place on Sept. 28 at Fendley Park (11 Fendley Rd., Orangeville).

His parents, Mark and Brooke Opper, are excited to raise awareness with Theo and support the local autism community.

"We're honoured to have Theo be the face of this year's walk. We've lived in Orangeville since the year Theo was born (2018). He's had a lot of support from the community and we're honoured to help spread further awareness, acceptance and action," said Brooke.

"Awareness is the first step towards creating a more supportive and inclusive environment for autistic individuals and their families. Any funds raised will directly aid in achieving such an environment, helping families right here in our community impacted by autism."

Theo was assessed for autism in December 2022 and officially received a diagnosis in February 2023.

"We were fortunate to have a quick process

as we got in just as the new Orangeville Pediatric Clinic opened," said Brooke.

She told the Citizen the main impact autism has on Theo is his communication.

"He's what some may call non-verbal, or has unreliable speech. He does have some language (he speaks through scripts), though you can't have a typical back and forth conversation with him," Brooke explained. "We continue to learn to effectively communicate with him as his language develops, working with Orangeville Speech and Language Clinic over the years as well."

Mark said he and his wife Brooke jumped on the opportunity to have Theo as walk ambassador, as it will help raise awareness, promote acceptance and educate the community on how autism may present itself in individuals. This helps to create greater levels of understanding amongst the public.

"Whether it's children or adults, I think the hardest part of navigating (autism) is just the misunderstanding. So, if we can be part of a positive influence in any way then we said, 'why not?'"

This first walk for autism in Orangeville was held in 2017, and it's been an annual event

since then, organized by the same committee. However, the name of the walk changed this year to Dufferin Autism Walk from Autism Speaks Canada Walk. The charity, Autism Speaks Canada, ceased operations on Jan. 31.

This year, the Dufferin Autism Committee has partnered with Inclusive Perspectives Sensory Gym in Orangeville, which will receive any funds raised through the walk, and collaborate on how to use the funds to best support the local autism community. This could be in the form of free social groups at the sensory gym or free community events.

Registration for this year's walk will be free, but funds will be generated from a prize draw, silent auction and sponsorships.

"The mission for this year's walk is to bring the Dufferin Community together increasing education, awareness and acceptance of Autism and ASD individuals," said Karrie Daponte, who founded the Dufferin Autism Committee alongside Josh Hoskin.

There will be free refreshments before the walk and a free slice of pizza afterwards for attendees.



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**WALK AMBASSADOR:** Theo Opper is this year's ambassador for the Dufferin Autism Walk, which is being held on Sept. 28 at Fendley Park.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Lineup announced for Shelburne's 2025 Fridays in the Park concert series

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is making preparations to kick off summer weekends with fun local activities, as they announce the return of their Fridays in the Park event series and the 2025 line-up thus far.

The Town of Shelburne is slated to host the series at Jack Downing Park from June 13 until Aug. 29. The special weekend events will include a line-up of live music, children's entertainment, community activities and local vendors.

"The Fridays in the Park events are meant to engage the community and hopefully attract visitors to our downtown core. The idea behind it is to further support our local businesses and also build community," said Carol Maitland, economic development officer for the Town of Shelburne. "I'm excited to be bringing it back. I think each year our lineup gets better and we attract more crowds."

The Town of Shelburne started the Fridays in the Park series in 2023.

The idea for the event series came out of the Town of Shelburne's Community Improvement Plan (CIP), which identified 12 moves to improve the community. Number eight of the 'big moves' was redesigning Jack Downing Park to become the community's 'living room'.

In 2022, the town converted Jack Down-

ing Park into a space that could host a wide range of community-based outdoor programming and activities.

Maitland said the Fridays in the Park series averaged around 500 attendees for each event in 2024.

"We're hoping it's going to be even bigger," she added.

The line-up for the 2025 Fridays in the Park includes:

**June 13:**

- Campfire Poets
- Pete and Anna Play for Kids
- Elvis the Magician
- Faces by Mel – Face Painting
- Local vendors

**June 27:**

- Adriano Clarke – Free the Nation
- Too Nice Reggae
- Bhangra Fitness Dancers
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**July 11:**

- Mudmen
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**July 25:**

- Drew Ripley Magic Show
- Matlockes
- Faces by Mel – Face Painting
- Local vendors



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**SOUNDS OF SUMMER:** The Town of Shelburne is gearing up for summer activities with the anticipated return of Fridays in the Park event series and newly released lineup of musicians, artists, entertainers and local vendors.

**August 29:**

- Thunderstruck ACDC Cover band
- Twisted Covers Band
- Bubba the Clown
- Elvis the Magician
- Faces by Mel – Face Painting
- Local vendors

The Town of Shelburne is still in the process of recruiting talent and is expected to expand the event lineups for the 2025 Fridays in the Park in the coming weeks.

To learn more about the Fridays in the Park series or to see updates on the completed series line-up, visit [www.shelburne.ca](http://www.shelburne.ca).

### Dufferin Film Festival founder reflects on the art and challenge of shooting short films

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

The Dufferin Film Festival will return this year, showing a collection of short films at the Orangeville Town Hall Opera House from Aug. 15 to 17.

To appreciate the complexities of creating these brief masterpieces in film, the Citizen had the chance earlier this week to talk to Kelly McDowell, who is the founder and organizer of the Dufferin Film Festival with her husband Nick Rose of Rose Digital Media Group.

The Citizen heard all about the challenges and craft that make a whole movie into a seven-minute film. Conceived, filmed and produced in just 48 hours, she assured us, they are not only short of time, they are short of minutes!

"You have to be crazy enough to want to do it," McDowell told us. "You just keep going, get along with each other: you have to get along because there's no sleeping."

Here is how it works, going back as a demonstration, to their own creation, "Three Graves Deep."

McDowell and Rose entered that short film into the 48 Hour Film Project Festival in Toronto last year and showed it at Flimnapalooza in Seattle, from March 18 to 23.

"There were films and filmmakers from all over the world," McDowell said, "It was an incredible experience."

The 48 hours means exactly that: they had from Friday at 7 p.m. until Sunday at 7 p.m. to produce their short film. Actually, 48 hours in October 2024 were the specifics, which was a great time of year for filming and the weather was perfect.

"As if it was all meant to be," McDowell affirmed.

They go into the festival "blind," with a choice of two genres, all different, the name of a character, occupation and one line that

has to be said in the film. They had a choice of dark comedy or dance and they chose dark comedy.

"The only thing in advance was our team," McDowell explained.

They had a potential location ready, a horse farm just east of Orangeville and they knew generally that they had access to a group of 10 people; also they had to get a lot of food together.

Immediately, they started drawing a concept, which could be like an old war film or with access to horses, which made the concept very limited: drawing 10 to 15 concepts, they then just said no to them until they landed on the right one.

"Once we had the western concept," she continued, "we made a rough call sheet."

What time they had with the horses roughly mapped up such details.

McDowell was getting wardrobes, her own expertise, ripping bed sheets to make scarves.

The sleeplessness begins: "I'm doing costumes every night until 2 a.m."

Writing the script between them, were Nick Rose, who owns Rose Digital Media Group, and Alex Caucean, owner of Filmmetry. He has been with them for seven years. Together they did a concept for a crew of four who had been with them for some years, while other crew members were on deck for their first time.

The script finishes were done by 6 a.m. on Saturday, which in the 48 film festival world, we were told, is normal.

They were gathering equipment, and moving to the location; the actors were coming and also using the crew as well. Time to fit the wardrobes, when the sizes might not necessarily be right but "it worked out."

The concept is the hardest part of the creation. It can make a great script and by now, the pressure is fun: they are definitely run-

ning on adrenaline.

Some team members stay awake; they stay up while others are sleeping and wake them with food and coffee and then, they get to sleep but no one sleeps for long!

"You can't miss what you have to do by a minute," McDowell emphasized. "The newbies, talking to working with them, we made really good decisions. This was the strongest team ever, for sure," was the praise.

Filming all day Saturday to 6 p.m. was followed with editing, colour grading, sound mixing and the special effects for guns. Rose did the editing; he is very quick, and has a great talent for making good set pictures, McDowell told us.

The concept is basically about a grave plot in the Old West that is one of the characters' favourite spots for burying the people they kill. Two other people show up to fight about burying other people they've killed and there is a war over a burial plot.

"It ended up being very funny, a take on Quentin Tarantino," was the summation, adding that the tagline is "everyone's dying for the plot."

They submitted their film at 6:58 p.m. on Sunday.

Two of the actors are union actors, Reese Presley and Sam Asante. The 48 Hour Festival has an agreement to let the actors participate without being paid.

Working with them really puts that bar high for quality because performing to their skill "is exciting – to have that pressure on me," McDowell admitted. "We have to set a certain bar too for their own reputations."

No one is paid to partake in these ventures. No one gets enough sleep. Everyone digs in and has an amazing time of it.

McDowell reckons she and Rose and Caucean will keep doing this every year, so we were promised and here is why: "I think it's because one time a year, we get to be abso-



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**AWARD-WINNING TEAM:** Nick Rose (left), Kelly McDowell (centre) and Alex Caucean (right) were at Flimnapalooza in Seattle, which took place from March 18 to 23, representing the Toronto 48 Hour Film Project. They won the "Best Film" category with their short film, "Three Graves Deep."

lutely creative. The looks, sounds, feels are not dictated by a producer or clients.

"One time a year," she said, "we are free. There is also the rush of the contest – can we do it?"

Like any artist, this is a welcomed opportunity to delve into their creativity in film because they like creating.

Stating it flatly, there is "no benefit, no money but our own budget and we do this just for the film. It's what keeps us going. The day of, I get very nervous – Desmond Baxter is in it too."

The 48 Hour Film Project Festival started in Seattle years ago.

McDowell and Rose said it was an incredible experience to show their films and experience the festival.

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# SPORTS

## 'Boys of Summer' prepare for North Dufferin Baseball League's 2025 season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It's time to get out on the diamond for some practice and shake off the winter rust for teams in the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) line-up this season.

The baseball schedule won't start for another month but spring training is always an important part of playing the sport.

Teams will be out on the diamond having batting a fielding practice and just getting back into play mode after eight months of the off-season.

The NBDL has an exciting line-up for this year's season as teams from around the region get ready to battle it out for the league championship.

There are some new developments in both the junior and senior divisions this year.

In the Junior Division, there are seven teams this season.

New to the division are the Bradford Tigers who are making their NDJ junior debut.

The Innisfil Cardinals have two teams entered this season.

Also entered this year are the Barrie Baycats, Creemore Padres, Orillia Royals, and the Richmond Hill Phoenix.

The Mansfield Cubs do not have a team in the Junior Division this year.

The Creemore Padres are the defending Anderson Cup Junior Division champions.

It is an 18-game regular season schedule for the Junior Division.

The junior schedule will get underway on May 8, with the first game between Orillia and Creemore on Orillia's home diamond.

In the Senior Division, there is a full line-up this year with 12 teams entered into competition.



FILE PHOTO

**GEARING UP:** The North Dufferin Baseball League is getting ready to start the 2025 season. There are seven junior teams and 12 senior teams in the league line-up this year.

The Caledon Cardinals are new to the league this year.

Returning teams include the Mansfield Cubs, Barrie Angels, Bolton Brewers, Clarksburg Blues, Creemore Padres, Ivy Rangers, Lisle Astros, Midland Mariners, New Lowell Knights, Orillia Majors, and

Owen Sound Baysox.

The Baysox are the defending Strother Cup senior championship team and will be looking to defend their title this year.

Senior Division teams will play a 22-game regular season schedule before moving into the playoffs.

The senior season gets underway on May 5, with the first game being played between the Mansfield Cubs and the Lisle Astros in Lisle.

It's going to be an exciting year for the NBDL once the season gets underway and the crack of the bat is heard at local parks.

## Centre Dufferin hosts first District 4 badminton tournament, over 80 matches played

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Five high schools from around the region competed in the District 4 Junior and Senior Badminton Championships held at Centre Dufferin District High School on Wednesday, April 9.

Six courts were busy for the entire day with over 80 matches played during the tournament.

Teams included boys' and girls' singles, boys' and girls' doubles, and mixed doubles. There were two teams of players from each competing school.

There was a constant rotation on the courts as teams competed making this an all-day event at the school.

The tournament was played in a round-robin format with winners qualifying to go on to compete at the regional level at CWOSSA.

"Today is the first tournament of the year. We had preliminary's and now we have the playoffs," explained CDDHS singles player Mustafa Amir. "It's a round-robin competi-

tion. In preliminaries you play four games. If you make it to the finals, you play another four games. In preliminaries we play one set to 21. When the playoffs start, you have three sets and it's a best-of-three to score to 21."

The competition was fast and furious on the courts and competitors tried to get the edge on their opponent.

"I found the competition was great - especially the semi-finals," Mustafa said. "We showed up at 7:30 a.m. this morning. We had to set up the gym then we warmed up for half an hour. The other schools showed up. The tournament started at 9 a.m. There's a lot of good competition this year. Everyone is better than last year."

There was a lot of enthusiasm in the gym as teams played or waited for their next match. With over 80 matches scheduled, the gym had non-stop activity for the day.

Top competitor will go on to CWOSSA, and if they are successful, they will qualify for provincial competition at OFSAA.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**ROYALS RALLY:** The gym was busy at Centre Dufferin District High School during the District 4 Junior and Senior Badminton Championships on Wednesday, April 9. Girl's double players Sofia Lee Catalfo and Anmol Dhillon play an early afternoon match.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**BADMINTON BEGINS:** It was a full day of activity at Centre Dufferin District High School on Wednesday, April 9, as the school hosted the District 4 championship. Five schools took part in the competition. Singles player Mustafa Amir plays a match early in the afternoon schedule.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**TRINITY NEWHOOK**

Centre Dufferin District High School Grade 12 student, Trinity Newhook, knew javelin was the sport for her the first time she tried it.

"I played baseball and really enjoyed it. I already had the muscles to throw far," Trinity explained. "In Grade 9 we had track day where you could try all the events. I just loved javelin right from the start. I started working on my technique and it all came together."

Trinity also participates in cross country running and cross country skiing and plays on the school volleyball team.

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# Improvements to Natasha Paterson Memorial Park expected to be complete for summer

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Upgrades are on the way for Natasha Paterson Memorial Park.

The Town of Shelburne released a notice of construction for the park on Friday (April 11), announcing plans for the installation of new playground equipment and pathways.

In the Town's 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, it was noted that the playground equipment at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park is "scattered" and "lacks accessible pathways" to allow for connection to the playground areas.

Natasha Paterson Memorial Park/Hyland Park, located at 340 Gordon Street, is the Town of Shelburne's primary baseball facility with three ball diamonds.

Originally known solely as Hyland Park, a portion of the park was officially renamed "Natasha Paterson Memorial Park" in 2016. The decision to rename a portion of the park came after local resident, Duncan Paterson, and his family requested the renaming to honour Natasha, a 12-year-old girl who was tragically killed in an accident at Fiddlefest in 2015.

Construction at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park will focus on updating and centraliz-

ing the play structure into a single, larger playground area located near the washrooms and pavilion for convenience and improved usage.

The project will also focus on creating pathways connecting the park area, washrooms, pavilion, ball diamonds and other park features to improve connectivity and accessibility.

The Town of Shelburne completed the tender process for the project in October 2024 and awarded it to Openspace Solutions Inc, whom they say "provided a unique playground design".

"Their design goals were to provide a wide range of age-appropriate play experiences; develop a theme that would fit within the environment; and provide inclusive opportunities for users of all ages and abilities," said the Town of Shelburne.

The new playground structure will have accessible ramps and transfer stations and will also include features such as sensory panels, a universal carousel, non-verbal communication board, rubberized surfacing, a suspended nest, and swings, including an accessible seat and one seatbelt seat.

The cost of the project was included as a capital project in the Town of Shelburne's 2025 Budget.

Construction at the park is slated to begin



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**IMPROVEMENTS INCOMING:** The Town of Shelburne has released a construction notice for Natasha Paterson Memorial Park for the week of April 21 to make upgrades to the playground and pathways

the week of April 21 with early work including the removal of the old playground equipment and preparing the area for the new installation. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2025.

# Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre announces plan to 'stop the crime' during campaign stop in Brampton

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Pierre Poilievre's Conservatives have announced their plan to deal with crime in Canada.

On April 9, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre held a rally in Brampton at the Embassy Grand Convention Centre. The rally, dubbed "Stop the Crime", was attended by many supporters and numerous Conservative candidates - including Dufferin-Caledon candidate Kyle Seeback.

Poilievre said, if elected, the Conservatives will repeal the Liberals' Bill C-75, which he called a catch-and-release act that allows criminals to repeatedly be let out on bail.

He said the Conservatives will repeal house arrest for serious offenders and "career criminals", and create a new offence for intimate partner violence.

The Conservatives would also take steps to stop extortion by creating minimum penalties for the crime, noted Poilievre.

Poilievre said Conservatives would bring in mandatory life sentences for human traffick-

ers, gun smugglers, and fentanyl mass-marketers and producers.

"When you're mass-marketing fentanyl, 40 milligrams of which is enough to kill 20 people, you are effectively committing mass murder. You're firing into a crowded room," said Poilievre.

Poilievre boasted his Conservatives would usher in the largest crackdown on crime in Canadian history.

"Today, I announce the 'three strikes, you're out' law. Anyone convicted of three serious offences will go to jail for at least 10 years, and maybe for life, and will never be eligible for bail," said Poilievre. "We won't have to worry about them getting early parole because there will be no parole."

Poilievre explained any potential release for these persons would be conditional on perfect behaviour in prison, repeated drug tests, and proof of learning a trade or vocation.

"The message is this: after you've done three offences, you're going away for life unless you can prove to society that you are no longer a danger," said Poilievre. "That is how

we are going to stop the crime and protect our communities forever."

Poilievre said the Conservatives will shut down supervised drug consumption sites and invest in treatment and recovery options for 50,000 Canadians. He said the Conservatives will hire 2,000 additional Canada Border Services Agency officers to help secure Canada's borders and stop smuggling.

Poilievre and the Conservatives would cancel the Liberals' gun buy-back program.

"We know that licensed, law-abiding, trained and tested firearms owners are not the problem. That's because criminals don't typically go and get a license before they rob a bank - they take stolen guns from America," said Poilievre. "We want to protect Canadians from criminals, not turkeys from hunters. It's time to respect the law-abiding people of our country."

At Poilievre's rally, Peel Regional Police Association (PRPA) president Adrian Woolley endorsed Poilievre and the Conservatives.



ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO

**STOP THE CRIME:** Federal Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre addresses supporters at his "Stop the Crime" rally in Brampton on April 9.

"Pierre will restore mandatory minimums. He will slam the revolving door of criminality and put violent offenders where they belong, behind bars," said Woolley. "He will put victims before criminals, families before politics and safety before ideology."

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# Mark Carney pledges at campaign stop to be tough on guns, make bail harder

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Mark Carney's Liberals have announced their plan to make Canada secure.

On April 10, Liberal leader Mark Carney made a campaign stop in Brampton at Sheridan College to announce his party's plans to tackle crime. He was joined by numerous Liberal candidates, including Dufferin-Caledon candidate Malalai Halimi.

Carney said you can't be tough on crime if you're not willing to be tough on guns.

"We are taking action, all while respecting the longstanding traditions of hunting and sport shooting, (and) respecting the traditions of Indigenous peoples," said Carney.

He said, if elected, the Liberals will automatically revoke gun licenses for individuals convicted of violent offences, including intimate partner violence. Further, the Liberals would strengthen firearms licensing and invest in the RCMP's national forensic laboratories and ballistics lab to increase police's ability to track down guns used in crimes.

"We will quickly, and I mean quickly, reinvigorate the buyback of assault-style firearms and leave the classification of new firearm models to the RCMP," said Carney.

Carney said Canada needs to stem the tide of illegal guns and drugs coming into Canada from America. He said the Liberals will be deploying more drones, helicopters

and personnel to our southern border. Carney said the Liberals will recruit 1,000 more RCMP personnel and increase pay for cadet recruits, and hire 1,000 new Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers.

If elected, Carney said the Liberals will make bail harder to get for those charged with stealing cars using violence, stealing cars for a criminal organization, home invasion, and certain human trafficking and smuggling offences. He said the Liberals will toughen sentencing guidelines for repeat offenders charged in relation to stolen cars and violent and organized crime.

"We will protect the victims of sexual violence and intimate partner violence by making murder motivated by hate, including femicide, a constructive first-degree offence," said Carney. "We will make producing and distributing non-consensual sexual deepfakes a criminal offense, and we will increase penalties on summary conviction for sexual assault and the distribution of intimate images without consent."

Carney said the Liberals will introduce legislation to protect children from online exploitation and provide new funding to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. He also said the Liberals will make it a criminal offence to intentionally and willfully obstruct access to any place of worship, school, or community centre.

While Carney said the aforementioned measures are necessary, it's even better to prevent crime by making sure every Cana-



ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO

TARGETING CRIME: Liberal leader Mark Carney addressed the media during an April 10 campaign stop in Brampton where he unveiled his party's plans to tackle crime.

dian child has the chance to grow up safe and healthy so they can reach their full potential.

He said the Liberals will extend Canada's Building Safer Communities Fund and support Indigenous-led community safety priorities.

"Ultimately, safe communities come from

within, from who we are and how we treat each other," said Carney. "It's not the Canadian way to stoke fear, anger and division. It's not the Canadian way to point fingers at each other. The Canadian way is to come together to solve problems and to look out for each other – that's how we build communities that are safe, secure and strong."

# 'Registration is free and no fundraising is required' at this year's Dufferin Autism Walk

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The walk will also feature demonstrations, activities, a vendors' area, and a resource area featuring local businesses and local organizations.

Brooke noted that being a parent of a child with autism can be isolating and overwhelming, so it's been valuable to have a community that can offer support and advice through challenges.

"Having community is important not only for autistic individuals but for caregivers as well. We're grateful to all those in this community who have been part of our family's journey. Our hope is that any family that is on their own autism journey will feel and receive the support they need," said Brooke. "Theo's been involved with DCAFS (Dufferin Child and Family Services) since the beginning of our autism journey – attending Entry to

School, Early Learners as well as the STARS program, all of which have helped him grow and develop new skills. We're also grateful for businesses like Inclusive Perspectives that create safe spaces for families like ours."

Going forward, between now and the Dufferin Autism Walk, Mark said his family looks forward to actively advocating for the autism community and spreading awareness.

When the Dufferin Autism Walk takes place on Sept. 28, registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the walk will start at 11 a.m.

Registering in advance is recommended and can be done online at forms.gle/N7r5K-pxXFx628yF66.

"This year Registration is free and no fundraising is required. We just want families to come enjoy a fun-filled event for all ages and you don't have to have a connection to autism to attend," said Daponte. "Everyone is welcome."



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RAISING AWARENESS: On April 2, for World Autism Day, a Town of Shelburne flag was raised at Jack Downing Park by Mayor Wade Mills that reads "Hearts Wide Open For Autism." World Autism Day is recognized globally and meant to increase awareness and understanding among the public.

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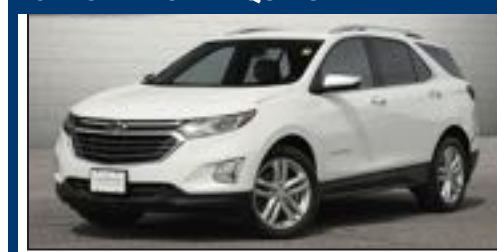
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# Horticultural Society continues to blossom as it celebrates 55th anniversary

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The Orangeville and District Horticultural Society is blooming into a new milestone and future.

The local horticultural society is set to celebrate its 55th anniversary as a service group in the community.

"The fact is, 55 years is a big number and unfortunately our 50th anniversary happened during COVID so our big celebration didn't happen," said Vivian Petho, president and archivist for the horticultural society. "I thought this year we should make a point of publicizing that we're here and that we do a lot for the town."

The first iteration of the Orangeville Horticultural Society dates back to 1874, with the original members responsible for the planting of over 200 trees lining the corridor of Zina Street and Alexandra Park in Orangeville.

In 1914, the Orangeville Horticultural Society folded but was reinstated after the end of the First World War. The local horticultural society would close again in 1936 and would remain inactive for more than three decades.

The latest version of the Orangeville and District Horticultural Society was founded on April 20, 1970, with roughly 60 attendees at its first meeting. Early projects by the group

included the pruning of shrubbery, planting flowerbeds, and flowering crab apple trees at the Dufferin Area Hospital.

During their first 10 years, the local horticultural society tended garden beds at the Orangeville Fire Hall, Orangeville Legion, Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS), and train station.

Since then, they've expanded to manage a total of eight community gardens in Orangeville. The gardens are located at the Orangeville Seniors Centre, ODSS, Greenwood, Centre St., C-Line Works Yard, Orangeville Fire Hall, Kay Cee Gardens and Alexandra Park. Additionally, they have the Hockley Holding Garden and a Town Holding Garden, where plants are stored and grown for their annual events.

"We've done a lot in the town over the years," said Petho.

As they look to the future, the local service group is hoping to bring in the next generation of garden enthusiasts by encouraging families and children to get involved.

"I want to respect the past and where we've been, because the archives are important. But I also want to look to the future and work on bringing in more members; keeping us relevant," said Petho.

At each of their flower shows the Orangeville and District Horticultural Society



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**BLOOMIN' ANNIVERSARY:** The Orangeville and District Horticultural Society is blooming into a new era as they mark 55 years of gardening in the community on April 20. The local service group manages eight local gardens in the community, in addition to two holding gardens for their flower shows.

hosts a youth division for younger members to highlight their arrangements. The service group also started an outreach community project called "The Opportunity Garden," which teaches neurodiverse individuals how to grow pea shoots that are then donated to the Orangeville Food Bank.

The local horticultural society also provides scholarships to graduating secondary students studying horticulture or an environ-

mental-based field.

"Our big thing is maintaining the garden we look after and sharing our knowledge and love of gardening," said Petho. "Fifty-five years doesn't mean old, it just means established and continuing to grow."

For more information about the Orangeville and District Horticultural Society including upcoming events or how to become a member, visit - [www.orangevillehort.com](http://www.orangevillehort.com).

# Impaired driving incidents results in numerous charges throughout the county and area

## Shelburne man faces impaired charges after driving vehicle into ditch, found hiding near a swamp

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

Officers responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch near Blind Line and 20 Sideroad in Mono. Upon arrival, officers located the vehicle off the roadway, in a ditch.

Following a brief search of the area, officers found a lone male matching the suspect description hiding in a nearby swamp. After speaking with him, officers observed signs of impairment and subsequently initiated an impaired driving investigation.

Prabnoor Sandhu, 24, from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
  - Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
  - Fail to remain
- Sandhu's driver's license was suspended,

and his vehicle was impounded.

He is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

## Cocaine, magic mushrooms, brass knuckles, seized by Dufferin OPP

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Orangeville on April 9.

During the operation, they seized a quantity of drugs, including cocaine and psilocybin, along with other illegal items.

Two individuals were arrested in connection with the incident.

In the spring of 2025, the Dufferin OPP launched a drug trafficking investigation in Orangeville in response to numerous public complaints.

On April 9, members of the Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from the Collingwood CSCU and Dufferin A Platoon, executed a search warrant.

The operation resulted in the arrest of two men who reside in Dufferin County.

Kyle Mackenzie, 38, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule III Substance
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose

As a result, Burim Gajtani, 41, from Grand Valley, has been charged with:

- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Cocaine

The following items were seized during the investigation:

- 16 grams Cocaine
- 14 grams psilocybin
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The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP.

The listed charges against Mackenzie and Gajtani have not been proven in court.

## Impaired driving charges laid by Dufferin OPP in Shelburne

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.

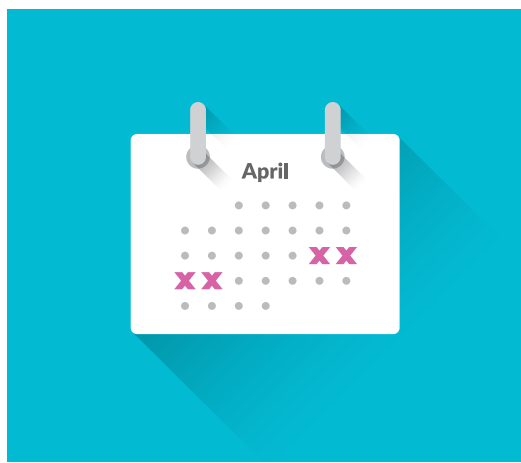
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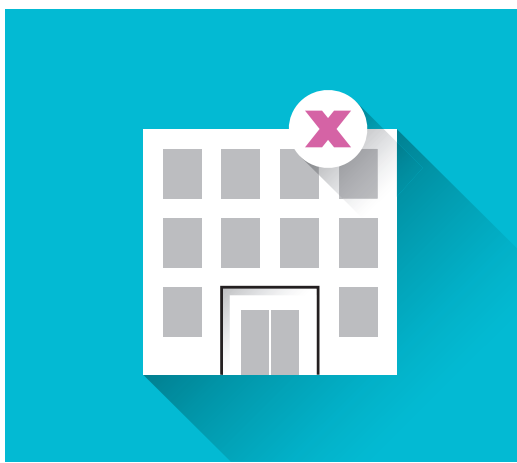
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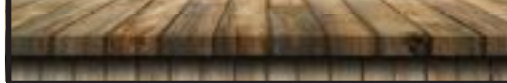
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OBITUARY

### ERIC BRYANT

Passed away suddenly at home on Saturday, April 12, 2025 in his 77th year. Devoted father of Robyn (Terry Verduin) and Geoffrey (Anna). Proud grandfather of Owen. He will be lovingly remembered by his family, friends and community.



A Celebration of Eric's life will be announced at a later date. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Diabetes Canada would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)

OBITUARY

### ALLAN REID ROACH AUGUST 8, 1948 ~ JANUARY 24, 2025

It is with profound sorrow that the family of Allan Roach announces his unexpected passing at London Victoria Hospital on January 24, 2025 in his 77th year with his family by his side.



Al is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Verna and his children Jeff Roach (Linda Holmes) and Jennifer Roach (Matt Noble) and special grandson Gavin Noble. Al is also survived by his favourite aunt Barbara Hill, his sister-in-law Pat Schafer, his nephew and niece Sandy and Shaunna Schafer and his great-nephew Zachary Schafer. Al is predeceased by his parents Stan and Betty (Hill) Roach, his parents-in-law Nelson and Mary Schafer and his brother-in-law George Schafer.

Allan lived and worked in Dundalk his entire life and was very proud to represent Dundalk in the hockey rink, on the baseball field and in the Town Council Chamber where he served as a Councilor and as Reeve for 14 years.

Al carried on the family trade of painting for 60 years. He established Al Roach Painting as one of the best in the business and himself as a trusted, hardworking and honest businessman.

Allan was deeply loved by his family, was a wonderful, loving husband and an amazing father. He was a mentor and a good friend to many.

While Allan faced many health challenges in the last six years, he faced them all with grace, courage and determination. Never one to back down from a fight, he fought every challenge to the end.

We are sure Al has already made new friends, hugged missed loved ones and put a fresh coat of paint on Heaven's Gate.

Cremation has taken place. Friends and family will be welcomed at the McMillan & Jack Funeral Home, 291 Main Street East, Dundalk on Friday, April 25, 2025 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Dundalk Legion, 109 Proton Street, Dundalk on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. with words of remembrance at 3:00 p.m.

If desired as expressions of sympathy, donations in Allan's memory may be made to the Dundalk Fire Department, the Olde Dundalk Town Hall Renovation Fund or Markdale Hospital. Online condolences may be placed at [www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com)

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# Ontario announces 2.4 per cent increase to minimum wage later this year

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

There's some good news for the nearly 1 million people in Ontario who earn minimum wage.

The provincial government announced minimum wage will increase by 40 cents or 2.4 per cent on Oct. 1.

The increase from \$17.20 to \$17.60 an hour for minimum wage workers is based

on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.4 per cent and will bring Ontario's minimum wage to the second highest provincial rate in Canada.

British Columbia currently has the highest minimum wage out of all the provinces in Canada at \$17.40 per hour, with a planned increase to \$17.85 on June 1. Nunavut, which is a territory, has the highest minimum wage in all of Canada at \$19 per

hour.

"Our government will continue to have the backs of Ontario workers, investing in skills training and development and helping ensure that work pays," said David Piccini, minister of labour, immigration, training and skills development.

"Ontario's minimum wage remains one of the highest in the country. Now more than ever, workers and businesses need fair, bal-

anced and predictable wages."

A worker making the general minimum wage and working 40 hours per week will see an annual pay increase of up to \$835 as a result of these changes.

Under the Employment Standards Act, Ontario's minimum wage increases annually based on the Ontario CPI, a measure of inflation that represents changes in prices experienced by Ontario consumers.

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

The Shelburne Public Library is closed from Friday, April 18 to Monday, April 21.

Stop in before Tuesday at 7 p.m. or head to the library's Kiosk inside Shelburne Foodland (824 Ojibway Rd.) to stock up on books for the weekend.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We have many exciting events for adults coming up in the next few weeks.

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

On April 29 at 6:30 p.m., the Shelburne Public Library will host an insightful and reflective evening discussing many forms of poetry and their meaning with Rev. Dr. Candace Bist. This should be a truly wonderful evening of renewal and reflection.

On May 4 at 2 p.m., a Library Literary Event featuring Robert Rotenberg will take place at the Shelburne Public Library.

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

### RECOMMENDED READ:

**"Cold as Hell" by Kelley Armstrong:** Haven's Rock is a sanctuary town hidden deep in the Yukon for those who need to disappear from the regular world. Detective Casey Duncan and her husband, Sheriff Eric Dalton, are starting a family now that they've settled into their life here. When one of the town's residents is drugged and wanders too close to the edge of town, she's dragged into the woods kicking and screaming. She's saved in the nick of time, but the women of the town are alarmed. A pregnant Casey and Eric investigate the assault just as a snowstorm hits Haven's Rock, covering the forest. It's there they

find a frozen body, naked in the snow.

**Why Jade recommends it:** I have followed Casey & Eric from Rockton to Haven's Rock through 10 of Armstrong's novels because I enjoy the remote and relentless setting against which the plot unfolds. Additionally, because Haven's Rock is so remote, the story plays out like it's a locked-room mystery, while still being able to read about the vast wilderness of the Yukon. I will say that I think the pregnancy trope is overplayed in this one, but I can understand how this raises the stakes for our beloved Detective as she fights the elements, her body, and her neighbours to find the culprit.

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