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VICTORY SPEECH: Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback delivers remarks to supporters at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts on April 28, following news the riding was called in his favour, with roughly 60 per cent of the vote. Seeback's wife, Flutura Mazreku, looks on as he shares his speech. See a full story on Page 3.

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Former Amaranth resident recognized for saving snowmobiler

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

A police officer with close ties to the Dufferin County community has received a prestigious award for an act of heroism.

Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Const. Jared Moore has become a recipient of the Carnegie Medal for Heroism after risking his life to help rescue Janice Junop, a snowmobiler who had fallen through the ice on Round Lake in Killaloe, Ont. in February of 2024.

"It's a huge honour to receive the Carnegie Medal, and I very much appreciate the opportunity to have been able to assist the two great people that were unfortunately involved in the situation. My strongest feeling from the situation is being happy that everything had a positive outcome, and being able to build a lifelong connection with the two parties that were involved," said Moore.

Moore, who was off duty at the time of the incident, and his mother were walking on the ice when they witnessed a snowmobile plunge into icy water. While his mother ran to find rope, Moore sprinted toward the scene, where Janice's husband, Marvin Junop, was attempting to help her. Standing on ice only three inches thick, Moore and Marvin attempted to toss a rope to Janice, but she was too cold to grasp.

Marvin jumped into the water to help push Janice toward the ice's edge, where Moore was able to kneel down and pull her out to safety before returning to rescue Marvin as well. Janice was treated for hypothermia and

fully recovered. Marvin and Moore were both uninjured.

"I was seeing somebody in distress and I felt, whether I'm a police officer or not, on duty or off duty, it's my obligation as another capable human being to go in and assist," said Moore.

The Carnegie Medal is an award given throughout the United States and Canada to individuals who risk death or serious physical injury to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

In 2024, Grand Valley resident Alan Mackie received the Carnegie Hero Medal for rescuing his elderly neighbour from a house fire.

The first medals commemorating acts of heroism through the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission were given in 1904 following the Harwick Mine explosion in Pittsburgh, PA, which claimed the lives of 179 workers.

The Carnegie Medal for Heroism is considered one of the highest civilian awards for heroism in North America. Each year, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission receives thousands of nominations for recipients but presents less than 100 awards. To date, more than 10,000 medals have been awarded. Recipients are selected from more than 100,000 nominees.

Moore is a former resident of the Township of Amaranth and is the son of retired Shelburne Chief of Police, Kent Moore.

Moore is a graduate of the University of Guelph-Humber, where he earned a degree in justice studies and a diploma in police foundations. He joined the Upper Ottawa Valley



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LIFE-SAVING EFFORT: Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Const. Jared Moore has been recognized with the prestigious Carnegie Medal of Heroism after helping rescue a snowmobiler, who had gone into the icy waters of Round Lake in Killaloe, Ont. in February of 2024. Moore is a former Amaranth resident with strong ties to the region.

detachment in 2021.

"I was able to grow up with a really strong, positive role model in my dad and the organization of the Shelburne Police Service. It really inspired me in wanting to do good in whatever community I was involved in," said Moore.

Moore was the only Canadian selected among the 17 honourees in the first quarter of 2025.

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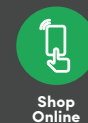
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Shelburne Legion donates two new defibrillators to local fire department

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne and District Fire Department (SDFD) has purchased new life-saving equipment with the help of a grant from the Royal Canadian Legion.

Members from the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 presented the Shelburne and District Fire Department with a cheque for \$6,450 on April 24. The donation was provided through the Royal Canadian Legion's 2024 Charitable Foundation Grant.

"We are ecstatic that we can donate these required funds to our local fire department in support of all the service they provide to the community," said Dan Sample of the Shelburne Legion.

The Shelburne and District Fire Department used the donation to purchase two automatic external defibrillator (AED) units, valued at \$3,100 each.

"This is a fabulous initiative and we can't thank the legion enough. What it does for us as a department, is now we can put a defibrillator on each of our apparatus," said Chief Pratt. "It doesn't matter how many calls or what trucks go to an incident; we have a defibrillator if we need it."

An automatic external defibrillator (AED)

or commonly shortened to a defibrillator, is a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat, often in cases of cardiac arrest or dangerous heart arrhythmias. It works by temporarily stopping the heart's electrical activity, allowing the heart to restart in a normal rhythm.

Cpt. Os Fleming of the Shelburne Fire Department said the department has used the defibrillator twice on calls for service in Dufferin County.

"The AEDs have worked and we've had good luck with them so far," he said.

With the addition of the new defibrillators, the Shelburne and District Fire Department now has a total of six units – one for each truck in the department's fleet and one for the fire hall.

The Shelburne and District Fire Department has previously received grant funding from the Royal Canadian Legion to purchase new equipment.

In 2021, the department used the grant to replace outdated defibrillators they could no longer get parts for, and in 2022 they purchased two thermal imaging cameras, which allow firefighters to see areas of heat that may be obstructed by smoke, darkness or other barriers.



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SUPPORTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE: Shelburne Legion Branch 220 presented the Shelburne and District Fire Department (SDFD) with a cheque for \$6,450 on April 24. The donation was used to purchase two new automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) for the fire department. The Shelburne and District Fire Department now has a defibrillator for each truck in their fleet, as well as one in the fire hall.

Dufferin-Caledon re-elects Conservative MP Kyle Seeback with record voter turnout

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Residents of the region turned out in record numbers on April 28 to cast a vote in Canada's 45th federal election.

Incumbent Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback was re-elected with 41,836 votes or 58.8 per cent of ballots cast, followed by Liberal candidate Malalai Halimi with 24,151 votes or 33.9 per cent, and NDP candidate Viktor Karklins with 1,815 votes or 2.6 per cent.

Voter turnout reached a record of 71.71 per cent or 71,169 of 99,251 registered electors in Dufferin-Caledon – the highest number reported since the riding was created in 2004. This is a slightly higher percentage than the national turnout of 68 per cent, which didn't break the record of 79.4 per cent in 1958.

Canadians elected a minority Liberal government, led by Mark Carney, with 169 of the 172 seats needed to form a majority, while the Conservative Party has 144 and the NDP has seven.

Seeback celebrated his win with campaign supporters, staff and volunteers on election night at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts in Caledon. After Seeback received word he secured the Dufferin-Caledon seat with roughly 60 per cent of the vote, he delivered a speech thanking campaign supporters.

"The residents of Dufferin-Caledon have given me a resounding mandate to represent them in Ottawa, and I couldn't be happier. I love this riding. I love the people," Seeback said. "I can't wait to represent them for the next two, three, four years – however long this parliament lasts."

Seeback expressed doubts about the Liberal Party's ability to effectively govern without a majority.

"Look, this is going to be a very weak Liberal government, from what it looks like right now. They cannot have the incompetent NDP propping them up like what happened last time," he said in his speech addressing supporters.

"When we get back to Parliament, these corrupt, arrogant Liberals are going to have a hell of a time from us. We're going to eat Mark Carney's lunch over the next – I don't know how long – 12 months, 13 months, 15 months, and then we are going to bring his government down."

Seeback lauded his campaign manager and team for helping him increase the percentage of votes he received to nearly 60 per cent. This marks a significant increase compared to the 49 per cent he got in 2021.

"I think we ran a very good campaign. We



CELEBRATORY REMARKS: Supporters, volunteers and staff involved in Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback's campaign gathered as he shared his victory speech after the riding was called in his favour at Mount Alverno Luxury Resorts on April 28

talked about the issues that mattered to Canadians, which is affordability, crime, the housing crisis," Seeback said. "All the Liberals wanted to talk about was Donald Trump and how they can allegedly stand up to him and presented no plan for Canadians."

He added, "We've got to get down the cost of living, we've got to implement our plan to build houses, and we've got to implement our plan to grow the Canadian economy to be able to be able to stand up to Donald Trump. We need to diversify our economy away from the United States, create inter-provincial trade, pipelines, mines and natural resources."

Liberal Dufferin-Caledon candidate Malalai Halimi congratulated her party, Mark Carney, and Seeback in a statement to the Citizen.

"Congratulations, Canada! You've elected a strong Liberal government to stand up to some of the biggest challenges of our lifetimes. And my congratulations to Prime Minister Mark Carney who will help lead us through to the future," she said. "Today, I stand honoured to have been your Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon. While the results are not what we wanted, I am incredibly proud of the campaign we've run and the community we've built. I want to congratulate Mr. Seeback on his re-election. While



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTOS

your voice will not be within the government but in opposition, the residents of Dufferin-Caledon have made their decision, and I wish you all the best in serving our community."

Halimi added, "I am incredibly optimistic about what Canada's future holds. Yes, we have some serious challenges ahead of us, but I know that when our country is united, there is nothing we can't achieve together."

Viktor Karklins, who represented the NDP in Dufferin-Caledon's federal election, shared his appreciation for the opportunity to campaign locally.

"I'm thrilled and honoured to have been a part of this election, I truly learned so much and got to know so many wonderful people. I'm thankful for the experience and to have been able to speak up for causes I care so deeply about," said Karklins.

People's Party of Canada (PPC) candidate for Dufferin-Caledon, Dymna Carolan, received 2.3 per cent of the vote. She shared her thoughts on her party's campaign and the election's results.

"My experience running for the People's Party in the federal election was very positive. Nationally the PPC did not do as well as we did last election, I believe this election many people voted out of fear instead of voting their conscience. Canadians voted for

unscientific net zero policies, for more mass immigration, more government spending and higher taxes," said Carolan. "I had a very small team, and we did exceptionally well for the PPC – doubling the national average in percentage of votes. That has everything to do with the courageous PPC'ers in Dufferin-Caledon."

Dufferin-Caledon Green Party candidate Fatima Baig, who received two per cent of the vote, told the Citizen she's grateful for the opportunity to promote her party's message and make connections on the campaign trail.

"This campaign has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life so far. As a young candidate, stepping forward to represent my community was both humbling and empowering," Baig noted. "Sharing our hopes, standing up for our future, and fighting for change alongside so many passionate people has been a true honour. I'm so proud of what we built together – a campaign rooted in heart, in courage, and in the belief that change is always possible."

She added, "Nationally, the Green Party reminded Canadians that hope still has a place in politics. We spoke up for the planet, for fairness, and for future generations, and even in moments of challenge, we stayed true to our values."

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OPINION

Instant gratification

Did you ever notice the longest minute of the day is when you place something in the microwave and you stand there staring at the electronic timer counting down the 60 seconds so you can retrieve your bran muffin heated to just the right temperature?

Modern Western society has become a place where everyone expects instant gratification — no waiting.

It's not necessarily a bad thing. Technology has advanced modern living to a point where things happen a lot faster than they used to.

A trip to the bank to make a deposit or withdrawal used to be a tedious undertaking. There was always a long line-up and for some reason, everyone spoke in hushed tones. As a kid, I remember going to the bank with my mom. I would sit in one of the old-school oak chairs while she stood in line waiting for that moment when the teller would say, "Next." It was a horrifying and tiresome experience for a six-year-old to sit in that hard wooden chair and be afraid of making a noise that would disrupt the entire process.

Now, if there is one person ahead of you at the instant teller, it's not a long wait.

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I had a reason to actually go into my bank branch a couple of weeks ago. It was empty. The teller mentioned she hadn't seen me in a year.

After our business was concluded, she laughed and said, "See you next year!"

Your home computer provides instant gratification. Click on a website, and a couple of seconds later, you have the information you need.

If your computer falters for any reason and you don't get that information the instant you ask for it, it's a long wait staring at that screen.

In reality, it may be only a few seconds, but it's a very frustrating few seconds.

I saw a very interesting documentary a few years ago where some scientists tried to explain how time is relevant to different living things. Some creatures experience time at a different rate than others.

This, the documentary explained, is why a common house fly manages to escape your rolled-up newspaper while a snail crossing on the sidewalk hasn't got a

chance if you decide to step on it.

To the house fly, that rolled-up newspaper is coming at him at a speed a lot slower than you see it — the fly has time to react and get out of the way. Considering a house fly only lives for a month or so, their sped-up sense of time may mean they think they are living a lot longer than they really are.

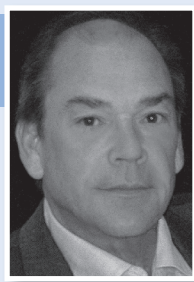
A sense of time changes for people as well. Time speeds up as you get older. When you're a child, a half-hour seems like a long period of time, especially when you're in math class or doing something you have little interest in.

By the time you're middle age, that half-hour is taken up in no time at all as you grab a coffee in the morning and turn the key in the car to get on your way, and you realize it's been 30 minutes since you poured the coffee into your travel mug.

I think for people who live to be 100, a day must be like hearing the alarm clock ring, then realizing a few minutes later, it's dark and time to hit the sack.

Our modern sense of instant gratification is really apparent if you like to watch the videos that may come across your Facebook page.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



When YouTube first started, it was at the same time that video cameras became more affordable, so it was an obvious platform to explore. People posted videos of just about everything, from historic events to family birthday parties, it was all there for the world to see.

However, some people didn't get the concept of editing. Sometimes a video would show way too much before the actual event occurred.

Now that everyone's cellphone can record video, there is a video that captures pretty much everything from around the world.

Now I get videos that will contain short segments of around five seconds. No waiting for the action.

If you want to see 30 funny videos of people falling down icy stairs, wham, bam, there you go — 30 videos in 1.5 minutes. Instant gratification.

However, there are some things that will never speed up.

Some of the best things in life are done as slowly as possible.

The puzzle of Jorge Bergoglio

Not being a believer myself, I take only a limited interest in the doings of priests, imams and rabbis, but I did stumble into a situation involving the late Pope Francis at a crucial point in his early career. This is probably the last time that the story will be of interest, so I might as well tell it now.

It was 1977, I was brand new to the trade of freelance journalism, and I had just sold a radio series that would focus on reformers, radicals and troublemakers in the Catholic Church.

I made a deal with the Jesuit mother-house in Rome to use Jesuit contacts around the world as my way in (they were dabbling in 'liberation theology' at the time, so out of favour in the Vatican), and in due course I found myself in Buenos Aires.

The head Jesuit there was Fr. Jorge Bergoglio (much later Pope Francis), whom I did not meet. I stayed with two younger Jesuits who were working in one of the city's poorest barrios and were definitely

of the liberation theology persuasion.

It was the earliest and worst days of Argentina's military dictatorship and everybody was scared. Military teams cruised through the streets in their trademark Ford Falcons, seizing people on their list for torture and subsequent murder, and my hosts were convinced that they were on one of those lists.

They stayed at their posts, working with their poverty-stricken congregation, but they were sure the soldiers would soon come and take them. And they knew that the Church would not save them, because Bergoglio had handed two other left-wing Jesuits over to the military death squads just months before. Or at least that was what they believed.

All the other young Jesuit priests I met believed it too, even though Bergoglio was the 'provincial' (chief Jesuit) in Argentina. Several of them had seen him meeting senior military officers in his offices, but they didn't know what was said. He

moved in the same social circles as military officers at that time, but that doesn't necessarily mean he gave up his priests to the regime.

In due course Bergoglio became a pope, and there will never be a definitive answer to the question: did he or didn't he? If there ever were any documents, they will have been destroyed long ago by the military, the Church, or both. But why, knowing that there was this problematic element in his past, did the Church make him pope?

With at least a hundred-plus cardinals young enough to vote (the over-80s can't), surely, they could have found somebody with a little less baggage. In fact, even if they rightly thought that it was long past time for the first Latin American pope, why on Earth choose Argentina?

The Argentine Catholic Church's behaviour during the time of the generals was so craven, so shameful that it made a public apology in 2000 for its failure to make a stand.

"We want to confess before God everything we have done badly," Argentina's Episcopal Conference said. So why not a pope from Brazil, or Colombia, or even Cuba, where the Church is under siege?

Perhaps because there are never really all that many 'papabile' (men who are plausible contenders for the papacy). There is a short-list of ten at most who represent (or more accurately, seem to embody) the divergent strands of conservatism and liberalism in matters both secular and doctrinal.

What happens in a papal conclave remains secret, but the struggle to choose the 'right' next pope is usually hard-fought and its outcome is significant for the Church's future, possibly over a period of decades. Maybe Pope Francis just the least unacceptable compromise, and the cardinals decided that the future was more important than the past.

Anyway, he's gone now, and we have a last chance to question the choices made by that previous incarnation of Francis when he was 50 years younger. The likeliest explanation for Bergoglio's conduct, if it was less than perfect, is that he saved people when he could, but let others go because the military were determined to have them. He made deals, in other words.

That is the calculation that most people with responsibility for the lives of others tend to make in evil times. Rodolfo Yorio, brother of one of the Jesuits who was kidnapped and tortured, summed it up this way:

"I know people whom he (Bergoglio/Francis) helped. That shows his two faces and his closeness to the military authorities. His way of managing ambiguity is masterly. If they were killed, he was rid of them, if they were saved, he was the one who had saved them. That's why there are people who consider him a saint and others who are terrified of him."

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: Shelburne Food Bank thanks volunteers for dedication

This week is National Volunteer Week. The theme this year is “Volunteers Make Waves.” It highlights the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across Canada.

Like a wave, volunteering is movement-building. Each individual volunteer contribution big or small creates momentum and has the power to influence and inspire, joining a wave of positive change. National Volunteer Week is a chance to highlight the value of volunteers and their positive impact on society.

The Shelburne Food Bank was started in 1991 by volunteers. It has remained volunteer-led and run for the past 34 years. We would not have been able to continue serving this community without our nearly 75 faithful volunteers who make running the food bank possible.

Our volunteers engage in many different



aspects of the food bank —sorting food, filling hampers, delivering hampers, lifting hampers to clients’ cars, food rescuing, running fundraisers, sitting on the board, bagging food, assisting at Seniors Markets and interviewing clients, to name just a few things.

Volunteering is a selfish act that benefits not only the recipients but also the volunteers themselves. In a world where personal achievements often take centre stage, the act of giving back can provide a profound sense of fulfillment and community. Volunteering offers a unique opportunity to contribute to society and develop a deeper con-

nection to the world around us.

A significant benefit of volunteering is the opportunity for personal growth. Volunteering allows individuals to develop new skills, build confidence and connect individuals with like-minded people who share similar passions and values. Volunteering also fosters a sense of belonging and strengthens community ties, making individuals feel part of something larger than themselves. Volunteering provides a unique way to foster compassion, build relationships and contribute to a more just and equitable world.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each volunteer of the Shelburne Food Bank for your dedication, hardworking and generosity. Your time and effort help make a significant impact in our community, ensuring that those who are experiencing food insecurity have a place to go for help. Whether you’ve been sorting, building hampers, bag-

ging bread, or delivering and distributing food, your contributions are invaluable. It’s because of you that we are able to continue our mission to provide support and nourishment to those who need it.

Thank you for being an essential part of our work. Your kindness and commitment do not go unnoticed and we are deeply grateful for all you do.

Food bank volunteers bring more than just their time — they bring empathy, compassion and a sense of hope to those that need them. It’s a really impactful way to help your community especially when you see firsthand how much people rely on what we do.

Thank you Shelburne Food Bank volunteers for all your great and faithful service.

To all who volunteer with the many organizations that make this community so vibrant – thank you!

Dufferin County Council to distribute over \$120,000 for 2025 Community Grants

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

More than 20 charities and community groups in Dufferin County will be receiving much needed funding to continue their programs and services after Dufferin County Council approves the allocation of the Community Grant Program.

During their meeting on April 24, Dufferin County Council received a report from Jennifer Payne, executive director of Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) regarding the 2025 Community Grants.

The report recommended the distribution of \$122,630 in funding to a total of 24 charities and organizations. The recommendation would leave a total of \$7,370 for future re-

quests.

Payne informed Dufferin County Council that they received a significant decrease in the number of applications for the 2025 Community Grants Program, with less than half the amount of applications received in 2024.

Payne said possible reasons for the decrease in applications be due to the high number of declines or partial awards of grants in 2024; the delayed application process due to the budget approval, which may have impacted project timelines; and other funding options becoming available.

“The good news is, we were able to recommend full funding for almost all requests so that made it a much easier year,” said Payne.

According to the report, the County of

Dufferin received 25 applications for the Community Grant Program, asking for a total of \$125,630.

The only application not recommended to receive funding was The Feminist Conversations program, which requested \$3,000.

“It’s a great program, there’s no issue with what the organization wanted to do, it’s just that the benefit to Dufferin was not clearly articulated in the application. If that could be confirmed we would certainly recommend funding that. But we couldn’t see any plans to deliver in Dufferin,” said Payne.

In the report to Council, a number of applicants were recommended as multi-year recipients of granting funding including Caledon Meals on Wheels, Celebrate Your Awesome, Fiddlehead Care Farm, Oran-

geville and District Horticultural Society, Orangeville Community Band and Streams Community Hub.

As part of the 2025 budget, Dufferin County Council approved an increase in the total amount of funds available through the Community Grants Program to \$140,000.

“Approving the additional allotment for this year really made a huge difference,” said Payne.

Dufferin County Council unanimously approved a motion to distribute the 2025 Community Grant funds to the recommended applicants.

A complete report of the 2025 Community Grants Program including the breakdown of funding amounts to each applicant is available on the County of Dufferin website.

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UGDSB human rights practices to be reviewed by independent third party

Written By **ROBIN GEORGE**

Human rights practices at the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) will be reviewed.

That's according to an announcement from director of education Peter Sovran, made a week after UGDSB parents released a public letter calling for a third-party equity audit.

The parents behind the letter, which has almost 250 signatures, say an audit should assess "systemic issues of anti-Black racism within the board" and offer actionable recommendations for short- and long-term solutions.

Sovran said the board would "engage with a notable independent third party steeped in the work of human rights, to provide us with a critical review of our practices."

His announcement did not use the word "audit" or mention racism or the letter.

The reason for the review, Sovran said, is because "in a time when division can so easily take hold, we must choose inclusion, collaboration and unity ...

"Together, we have the opportunity, and I'd say the obligation, to create a learning environment where the rights and dignity of all are upheld and they're celebrated."

The Upper Grand Black Parent Council (UGBPC) calls the review "a direct result of our open letter – written out of urgency, care and the deep frustration that comes from being ignored."

"Once again, Black parents and caregivers have invested unpaid labour to do the work this board claims to value, and yet, our efforts are not acknowledged."

The letter, titled "Black children in the UGDSB are not safe," alleges that anti-Black racism within the board is "deeply entrenched and highly dangerous."

It states, "the failure of the UGDSB to address these issues has created a harmful environment where Black children are not supported, safe or valued."

Sovran previously issued a statement strongly refuting the letter's allegations, which he said "do not advance progress – they silence it."

The letter calls on UGDSB administration, including Sovran, to meet with families and advocacy groups affected by anti-Black racism to discuss issues and solutions.

The UGBPC says board officials have made no effort to set up a meeting. Sovran did not respond when asked about his intentions to meet with families.

While announcing the review, Sovran said, "The important work of advancing human rights ... cannot happen without the ... passion and dedication of our staff and our board of trustees."

"This work must be done in true partnership between staff, trustees, students, families and the broader UGDSB community."

The UGBPC states "collaboration is not real when families impacted by anti-Black

racism are refused face-to-face meetings."

The observations and recommendations from the review will be made "transparent to our board of trustees, and in turn, to the public," Sovran said, and more information, including timelines, will be brought "to a future committee meeting for trustees' consideration."

On April 28, the UGDSB announced it selected Patrick Case and Julie Lassonde to conduct a comprehensive third-party review of the board's application of human rights practices.

In a statement emailed by board officials, they said the UGDSB "has been engaged in years-long work to foster environments of dignity, respect and safety ... This commitment is reflected in our ongoing effort to prioritize upholding human rights and dismantling systemic racism – including anti-Black racism – in our schools."

"Meeting with Black community organizations and individuals and families with lived experience has been central to this work," the email continues.

"Engaging individuals, families, and other UGDSB community voices will be a critical component of our upcoming third-party review, which will seek to identify systemic barriers and promote equitable learning and working environments."

According to UGBPC, "The work must begin with truth-telling – not damage control."

"It must begin with meeting Black parents

where they are – in their pain, in their advocacy and in their justified demand for systemic change."

"Black families deserve transparency, real dialogue, and a seat at the table – not just when it's convenient, but always."

On April 8, the same day it issued the announcement, the board released its first human rights policy for public consultation.

"The strength of our new human rights policy will not come from the words alone, but from the collective effort to bring it to life in every school, every classroom and every interaction," Sovran said.

"We're committed to turning our human rights policy, the words, into specific actions. This review will support that process."

Parents behind the open letter have expressed concerns with the human rights policy, particularly "its failure to specifically address anti-Black racism."

The word Black is not used in the 19-page policy draft.

"This omission reflects the board's highly problematic approach to dismantling anti-Black racism and demonstrates a lack of commitment to addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by Black students," the letter states.

To read or comment on the policy, visit ugdsb.ca/page/policies-procedures-and-protocols.

For the letter, visit win.newmode.net/ugdsb-feb2025.

Shelburne Council proclaims May as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

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

The Town of Shelburne is helping to raise awareness for a disease that affects one in 400 Canadians.

During their meeting on Monday (April 28), Shelburne Council proclaimed the month of May as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month in the Town of Shelburne.

"Together we will find ways to enhance the quality of life for people affected by MS and to find a cure to end MS," said Mayor Wade Mills, when reading the proclamation.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic and often disabling neurological disease that affects the central nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves. The disease attacks myelin, the protective covering of the nerves, causing inflammation and often times damaging it.

Unpredictable, the disease can cause an array of symptoms such as extreme fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder problems, cognitive impairment and mood changes.

MS is considered an episodic disability

meaning the severity and duration of symptoms can vary.

It can also be progressive. There is currently no cure for the disease.

According to the MS Society of Canada, there is an estimated 90,000 Canadians living with the disease, and on average 12 Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day.

Studies show that 60 per cent of adults diagnosed with MS are between the ages of 20 and 49 years old, but the disease has been diagnosed in younger children and older adults. In Canada, the average ages to be diagnosed with MS is 43.

The MS Society of Canada reports that women are three times more likely to be diagnosed with MS than men, and around 75 per cent of the people in Canada living with MS are women.

The Town of Shelburne will be holding a flag raising on May 5 at 10 a.m. at Jack Downing Park to mark May as MS Awareness Month in the community.

To learn more about multiple sclerosis visit www.msCanada.ca.



'Fore DCAFS' golf tournament aims to raise \$60,000 for vulnerable individuals and families

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Dufferin Child and Family Foundation's Golf Classic is coming to the Shelburne Golf and Country Club.

"Fore DCAFS" is being held for the very first time on June 10 in support of Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS). It will have a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and registration begins at 8 a.m.

The rain or shine event features 18 holes with a "best ball" format, so people of all skill levels can come out and support the event.

"We want to set it up so that people who want to support this amazing foundation, regardless of their golf skill level, are able to do so," said DCAFS executive director Jennifer Moore. "You can come out and have a great day while supporting a good cause."

Dufferin Child and Family Foundation (DCFF) is hoping to raise \$60,000 through the event, which is what's distributed in the form of grants through DCAFS each year.

"We're looking to ensure that we can keep our granting at the levels they've been at for the last few years," Moore explained of the fundraising target. "It's going to be a

really fun day, and an ability to contribute to the well-being of the community, through grants for children, youth and families."

Individuals and families connected with DCAFS are eligible to apply for grants, which are then evaluated by the DCFF's board of directors.

"We have a process to ensure that the funds get to the right people in accordance with the approvals," Moore explained.

DCAFS has three primary granting priority areas – social growth and development, health and wellness, and youth futures.

The categories have been made broad intentionally to put as few parameters as possible on the funds granted, said Moore.

The majority of the people DCAFS serves have a high degree of vulnerability in terms of their social determinants of health and need socio-economic support.

Individuals seeking funds to offset the costs of their post-secondary education or attend a summer camp are eligible to apply for a grant from DCAFS.

"When we talk about post-secondary and education supports, it's not only for the folks who might fit into a certain profile, who's going to university. It's actually a really wide range of supports to help folks get situated for the next phase of their lives, however that may look," said Moore.

"One of the things that the foundation has funded for quite some time are summer camp opportunities, and those camp opportunities are really important for a few reasons. First, for the development of a child, but also to help preserve families. The summer can be a really long time, and it can be very helpful for families to have an opportunity for a little bit of relief."

DCAFS also funds groups geared toward adults with special needs.

"One of the things that surveys of these adults have shown to be consistent over the years is a high degree of loneliness," Moore noted. "The social groups... gives them an opportunity to develop some meaningful connections in their communities and amongst their peer group that helps sustain them and reduce some of those measures of loneliness."

When looking at health and wellness, DCAFS has supported some unique needs in the community, such as subsidized special diets for people with medical issues or the purchase of firewood to heat a person's home through the winter.

Other examples of things DCAFS funds are swimming lessons, tutoring and specialized therapy through music or art. The organization also runs a LEGO group and a 2SLGBTQ+ social youth group called GLOW.

"At the end of the day, we see really good outcomes for kids," said Moore. "What we do see is confidence boosting. We see some social skills being developed that might not have existed before. We see families being strengthened because of skills that are developed through a lot of these initiatives



that we are helping to support."

In total, DCAFS offers 28 programs, focused on child and youth mental health, child welfare, developmental support, early years support and the Ontario Autism program.

Reflecting on the many services DCAFS provides, Moore noted that this isn't always the case with similar organizations in other communities.

"We're quite unique as an organization. In most communities, you have a mental health organization, a developmental services organization, and a child welfare organization, but we have everything under one roof," Moore said. "The reason that we do that is because we want to make navigating these systems as easy as possible for folks and we do see some incredible benefits from having the opportunity for a multi-disciplinary approach to service under one roof. We see amazing outcomes from that."

Early Bird Registration for DCAFS' golf fundraiser is available until May 12, with a reduced cost per ticket. Individual golf passes are \$200 or foursome golf passes are \$700.

All golfers receive a free lunch and golf carts are included. There will also be prizes for participants.

A total of 120 tickets are available for the golf fundraiser.

"You definitely won't want to miss a chance to participate in this. It is going to be a really fun day," Moore enthused. "You do not need to be a strong golfer, necessarily. We do have a best ball format."

Depending on the success of the golf tournament, DCAFF may make it an annual event.

Anyone who has questions about the event can contact Kristi at kristi.bhagal@dcafs.on.ca.

The Shelburne Golf and Country Club is located at 516423 County Rd. 124, RR 3, Melancthon.

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SPORTS

Domino's Pizza supports minor hockey with 'Pizza Night' donation

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Domino's Pizza in Shelburne has been a big supporter of the Shelburne Minor Hockey Association over the past several years.

During hockey season, Domino's has fundraising events where some of the proceeds from pizzas purchased on certain days go toward the Shelburne Wolves. The team received over \$8,000 this year.

"The donation cheque today represents all the fundraisers Domino's has done for us this year," explained Kelly Gee, sponsorship director at Shelburne Minor Hockey.

"Every two weeks they ran a fundraiser. Every other Wednesday during the hockey season, Domino's has a pizza night. On that night, 40 per cent of the proceeds from the pizza sales on that day go to the team they are sponsoring that week. It's very generous."

Many residents supported the fundraiser while enjoying a delicious pizza dinner.

Over the course of this past hockey season, a total of \$8,253 was raised to support local hockey teams.

For each division this year, the following amount was raised:

- U11 Rep - \$879
- U11 AE - \$729
- U11 LL - \$774
- U9 - \$804
- U18 Rep - \$500
- U7 - \$1,140
- U15 Rep - \$780
- U13 Rep - \$767
- U13 LL - \$692
- U15 Rep - \$780
- U15 LL - \$848

An additional \$340 was raised in support of Shelburne Minor Hockey

Domino's also supported minor hockey



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

DELICIOUS DOUGH-NATION: Domino's Pizza raised \$8,253 for the Shelburne Minor Hockey Association this season by having fundraising nights at its Shelburne location. Players gather at the store on Wednesday, April 23, to celebrate the donation and thank Domino's Pizza for its support. Along with the players are Kelly Gee (Shelburne Minor Hockey sponsorship director), Ryan Bumken (association president), Andrew Gee (Shelburne Minor Hockey coach of the year), Lisa Hutch-Conn (association vice president), and Rahul Kalra (area supervisor of Domino's Pizza).

through \$3,500 worth of boards for the rink and stars advertising sponsorships.

Domino's area supervisor, Rahul Kalra, greeted players from Shelburne Minor

Hockey at the Domino's location on Wednesday, April 23, with the final amount donated for the season.

The Shelburne Domino's Pizza location

has supported Minor Hockey in Shelburne for several years, and the association, players, and parents thank them for their generosity.

Pickleball courts officially open at Shelburne's KTH Park for the 2025 season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

If you have been waiting to pick up your paddle and shake off some winter rust with outdoor exercise, the pickleball courts at KTH Park in Shelburne are now open for the 2025 season.

The Shelburne courts are a fun place to play the game whether you love a good competitive match or just like to rally with some friends.

The courts are open on a first-come, first-serve basis during daylight hours.

The pickleball courts at KTH Park were opened in September 2022, after it became apparent that the growing sport had attracted a lot of followers in the Shelburne area and they need a place to play the game.

The new courts were constructed in just two months beginning with the preparation of the base of the courts and followed by the fencing around the area.

The courts are 108 feet by 120 feet and there are lines painted for both tennis and pickleball. This provides an opportunity for both sports to be played in Shelburne and optimizes the use of court facilities.

To keep the courts safe and clean, court users are asked to follow the posted rules and be respectful of others playing on the next court.

Courts are open during daylight hours as there are no lights at the courts. Playtime is limited to one hour if others are waiting to play.

Those waiting to play must remain outside of the fenced area while waiting for a court.

Courts are to be used for tennis and pickleball only.

No other activities such as ball hockey, lacrosse, skateboarding, in-line skating, or bicycles are allowed on the court.

The public is encouraged to get out and enjoy playing on the courts.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BACK IN BUSINESS: The Pickleball courts at KTH Park in Shelburne are open to the public for the 2025 season. The courts were built in 2022 as the sport gained popularity locally.

One series remaining on the road to Provincial Junior Hockey League's Schmalz Cup

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There is one series left to be decided to see who will play for the 2025 provincial Ju-

nior C Schmalz Cup.

The Essex 73s are the first entry in this year's championship series.

The 73s, representing the West Confer-

ence, eliminated the New Hamburg Firebirds from the South Conference in a semi-final series that went five games.

That series got underway on April 17, with New Hamburg coming out on top 2-1 in the first game. But that's all they could do.

Essex responded by winning four in a row, but it was a tough battle between two well disciplined and talented squads.

Essex won Game 2 by a score of 2-1. The third game resulted in a 3-1 Essex win.

The 73s won by a single goal in Game 4, leaving the ice with a 3-2 win.

They capped off the series on Sunday, April 27, with a 2-1 win to take the series and advance to the championship.

The remaining series has the North Conference champions, Hanover Barons, up against the Napanee Raiders representing the East Conference.

Napanee is leading that series 3-2.

The series got underway on April 17. Game 1 gave the Raiders a 1-0 edge with a 3-1 win to open the series.

It was tied when Hanover won Game 2, 5-2 on April 18, on Napanee home ice.

Game 3 was a Napanee 2-1 win, but it took an overtime period to get the job done.



The Barons left the ice with a 5-2 win in Game 4.

Game 5 was another overtime game. The teams played to a 4-4 tie on Sunday, April 27, and returned for overtime to settle the game.

Napanee scored 19 seconds into the OT period for the win.

Game 6 of the series was scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, in Hanover. If the Raiders are successful, they can win the series. If Hanover rises to the challenge and wins the game, the series will return to Napanee for Game 7 on Thursday, May 1.

The winner of the series will go on to face the Essex 73s in the Schmalz Cup championship final series.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MUSTAFA AMIR

"I love the competition," said Centre Dufferin District High School badminton player Mustafa Amir of why he likes the sport. "It's so agile - you have to run everywhere and cover the whole court. You have to read your opponent and learn his moves and conquer those moves at the same time. It's the challenge that makes me want to play this game."

Mustaf began playing the sport recreationally before getting serious and entering high school competition.

A well rounded athlete, Mustafa also plays volleyball and soccer.

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Tony Pringle passed suddenly in Mono, Ontario at his treasured farm. Cherished husband of Sandy Dayes. Beloved son of Phyllis Pringle and the late Donald Pringle. Loving father of Anne Pringle (Pierre Perchoc), Bill Pringle (Stephanie) and Andrew Pringle (Rylee Mezzarobba), and proud Goggin to Dylan, Devon, Claire, Grace, Reid, Alastair and Stewart. Dear brother of Andrew (Valerie), John (Barbara), and Kenneth. Loving uncle to all of their children. Fondly remembered by Lauren Dayes (Bradly Duval), Spencer Dayes (Brooklyn Lalonde), Cooper Dayes, June Dennis, and Valerie Dennis. Devoted owner to his beloved dog, Archie.



Tony's hobbies and successes were vast. Graduate of Upper Canada College (1975) and McMaster University (1979). He loved his more than 40 years working in the investment industry, but his proudest were running Pringle Portfolio Management Group at RBC Dominion Securities. He always enjoyed writing his quarterly commentary, in which he demonstrated his gift for market insight through concise eloquence. Tony was a loyal member of multiple communities and was dedicated to giving back through his roles on the boards of Headwaters Health Care Centre and Belmont House Foundation.

An outdoorsman at heart, Tony took great pride in the diligent maintenance of his farm in Mono, Ontario, his cottage on Lake of Bays, and his condominium in Nassau, Bahamas. It was in these places that he found many of his life's small joys: connecting with locals, fishing with his kids, and sunset cups of tea on the balcony with his wife.

Tony will be remembered for his wit, humour, generosity, and above all else, his unwavering sense of pride and loyalty for those he loved most.

The family will receive friends at the Humphrey Funeral Home A.W. Miles - Newbigging Chapel, 1403 Bayview Avenue (south of Davisville Avenue), Toronto, on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 2 to 4p.m. and 6 to 8p.m. There will be a private family funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Tony's memory to Headwaters Health Care Centre at www.headwatershealth.ca/who-we-are/donate/ or 519-941-2410, or Belmont House at belmonthouse.com/foundation/donate-now/ or 416-964-9231. Condolences may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com.



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Celebration of Life will be held May 10, 2025 at Mono Community Centre, 754483 Mono Centre Rd. Mono, Ont L9W 5W9 from 12 to 3p.m. Lunch will be provided.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT LLOYD "BOB" FLEAR

Peacefully on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston at the age of 79 after a lengthy and courageous battle. Beloved husband of Nancy (nee Petch). Devoted father of Kevin (Elisha), Marc (Dahlia) and Darroll. Proud grandfather of Nolan, Avaya, Seth, Haley (Bradley), Jaden and Madison and great-grandfather of Olivia and Nathan. Bob is survived by his brother-in-law Brad Kendrew, sister-in-law Mary Petch, cousin Ruth (Bob) Thompson, niece Lisa (Paul), nephews Tim and Ryan, great-nieces and great-nephew Jordan, Lauren and Luke. Predeceased by his sister Nancy Kendrew, brother-in-law Robert Petch and nephew Michael.



Friends and family will be received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 1-2 p.m. The funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment at Shelburne Cemetery. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

Bob's family is incredibly grateful to everyone at Matthews House Hospice for the exceptionally kind and compassionate care shown to Bob and the entire family during his five months there. As a way to express our appreciation, we would like to request that any memorial donations in his memory be made to Matthews House Hospice.



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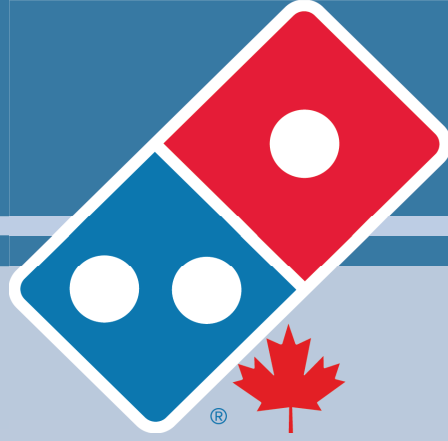
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