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**CANDY FOR THE COMMUNITY:** Despite the cool winds, Shelburne families were out in force for Treats in the Streets on Oct. 25, showcasing their creative costumes and Halloween spirit. Businesses along the downtown strip handed out candy and other sweets to eager kids. Two trick-or-treaters receive candy from the Local Tile Co. in downtown Shelburne. See more photos on Page 6.

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## Shelburne council seeks funding assistance for \$1.2 million truck bypass environmental assessment

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne Council has approved a recommendation to seek funding for an Environmental Assessment for a proposed truck bypass.

Recognized as an issue since at least 2003, the bypass discussion has passed through multiple hands over the past two decades. The town has highlighted semi-truck traffic as a known disturbance to residents and businesses.

Before any construction of a bypass can begin, however, a comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) is needed. This assessment is estimated to cost \$1.2 million.

Town CAO Denyse Morrissey said that, based on a similar EA conducted in the province, an estimate could be obtained from Ministry of Transportation for Ontario (MTO) staff they have been meeting with.

"The Town of Shelburne staff and our team took a look at the potential costs, and we used one (assessment) in Niagara with respect to a very similar undertaking that was awarded in 2025, and the cost was about



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**ON THE ROAD:** Transport trucks drive through downtown Shelburne, right in front of Town Hall and Jack Downing Park on Wednesday (Oct. 29) afternoon. Transport trucks, gravel haulers, and livestock trailers all pass through town, generating significant noise and traffic in the downtown area. These vehicles would be rerouted around town if the proposed truck bypass is greenlit and completed.

1.2 million," she said.

This assessment, Morrissey said, would cover all the required bases to move forward

with the project if it's conducted.

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# Library holds event bidding farewell to beloved CEO Rose Dotten

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents, library patrons, friends, family, and colleagues of the local library's longtime CEO, Rose Dotten, gathered at the library on Oct. 26 to pay tribute to her retirement.

Dotten has been CEO of the Shelburne Public Library for 17 years, first assuming the position in 2008.

"This has been the happiest period of my life, 17 years at this Library," Dotten said. "I'm looking forward to retirement, but I will miss the library. The library is being left in good hands, so that is a good feeling."

When Dotten first took up the mantle as Library CEO, the Shelburne Public Library was a radically different building. Lacking internet

access or even an online presence, Dotten invested heavily in overhauling the digital side of the library, and initially spent a third of the budget on e-resources. Through her leadership, the library's TD Summer Reading Club was proclaimed the best in Canada in 2016.

Looking back, she said that while the library has changed a lot, the people haven't, which brings her some comfort.

"When I look around this room, and see the work that went into the decorations, you can see what a great community we have here," she said. "I'm absolutely overwhelmed, I can feel the love and the care, and it reminds me that the people haven't changed at all."

After a short meet-and-greet and refreshments, library chair Geoff Dunlop thanked Dotten for her years of tireless work.

"When we were looking for a new CEO, we realized our first choice had been hiding in plain sight the whole time," he said. "A local resident, a library supporter, and library card holder, Rose Dotten. She brought with her excellent academic qualifications, of course. Under Rose's capable leadership, the library is a safe and welcoming place where everyone is accepted and valued. Everyone that came to the library was greeted with a smile."

"Thank you for your guidance, your inspiration, and your leadership. It has been a rollicking 17 years and it's been an honour to work together. Congratulations on 17 wonderful years," Dunlop added.

Dotten thanked Dunlop and took the podium again. She insisted that her leadership was only possible with the people she worked with.

"None of this could have been accomplished without an incredible team behind



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTOS

**CELEBRATING TOGETHER:** Recently retired Orangeville Library CEO Darla Fraser (centre) came out to support Rose Dotten and congratulate her on her own retirement.

us," she said. "For me to have had the kind of support I've had from the library board, I just can't express what that has meant to me; it's been a blessing."

Dotten passed through the audience, directly thanking every staff member and supporter she could see individually, praising their unique contributions and impact on her and the library as a whole.

She then introduced her successor, Shannon McGrady, who officially took over the position on Oct. 20. McGrady acknowledged the boots she was stepping into but expressed optimism for the library's future under Dotten's leadership.

"It's clear to me that I'm stepping into a massive, incredible legacy. I was nervous on

my first day," she said. "But I think we, in this room, know that libraries are the heart of the community, cornerstones of strong communities. I've been made to feel so welcome, so thank you to the team and to the board,"

"The staff have been a beautiful thing to witness. I hope to make you all proud," McGrady added.

With the torch passed, Dotten said she plans to continue her gardening hobbies during her retirement.

"I have 50 acres just outside of town, and a massive garden, so you know exactly what I'll be doing with my time," she said.

"The library has such an incredible team, so I'm confident that it's going to be as good or even better in the future."



**THREE GENERATIONS:** The past two Shelburne Public Library CEOs and current CEO were present at the retirement celebration on Oct. 26. Mary Lynne Armstrong (left), who ran the library for 20 years, joined Rose Dotten (centre), who was the most recent CEO for 17 years, and new CEO Shannon McGrady (right).

# Shelburne council reviews draft budget with proposed tax increase of 5.4 per cent

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne council has reviewed the 2026 draft budget and agreed to present it to a public meeting on Nov. 24.

The budget briefing, headed by Carey Holmes, director of financial services and treasurer, was heard by council on Monday, Oct. 27, at a regular meeting. Holmes outlined the three budget framework report recommendations presented to council on Oct. 6 to start the briefing.

"We have three suggestions," Holmes said. "That was to prepare an overall budget with tax rate increase not to exceed 5

per cent, it included two new staff positions, and it also made the suggestion that if required, we could use a portion of the OPP savings to keep the tax rate at 5 per cent."

Holmes continued by saying that the budget is as planned previously, and no changes have been made from earlier briefings that led to this plan.

"There aren't any surprises in this budget," Holmes said. "Council already this year has dealt with the asset management plan update, as well as adopting the 10-year financial plan. Both of those documents made this one."

The town budget is looking at a 5.4 per

cent increase to the tax levy to cover the costs of running the municipality in 2026.

The town is facing low growth going into the 2026 budget, with growth being below 0.5 per cent. The suggested 5.4 percent tax levy increase is intended to offset the town's slowing growth.

The town is also still awaiting the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) 2026 billing information, which it has not yet received from the province.

Holmes said the town has prepared for this in the budget, but has not received an exact figure.

"We don't have the estimated 2026 OPP billing, and we may not have it until Nov.

30," Holmes said. "So the staff did an estimation of where we think our budget will come in at, and based on the letter we received from the province that said it could be capped at 11 percent, we went with 11 percent, the worst-case scenario."

The town can also draw from a reserve it set aside after receiving additional savings following the OPP's 2025 billing amendment.

With the potential rough spots identified and no glaring issues, council voted to take the proposed draft budget to a public meeting on Nov. 24. At that point, further discussions on the draft budget will be held with public involvement.

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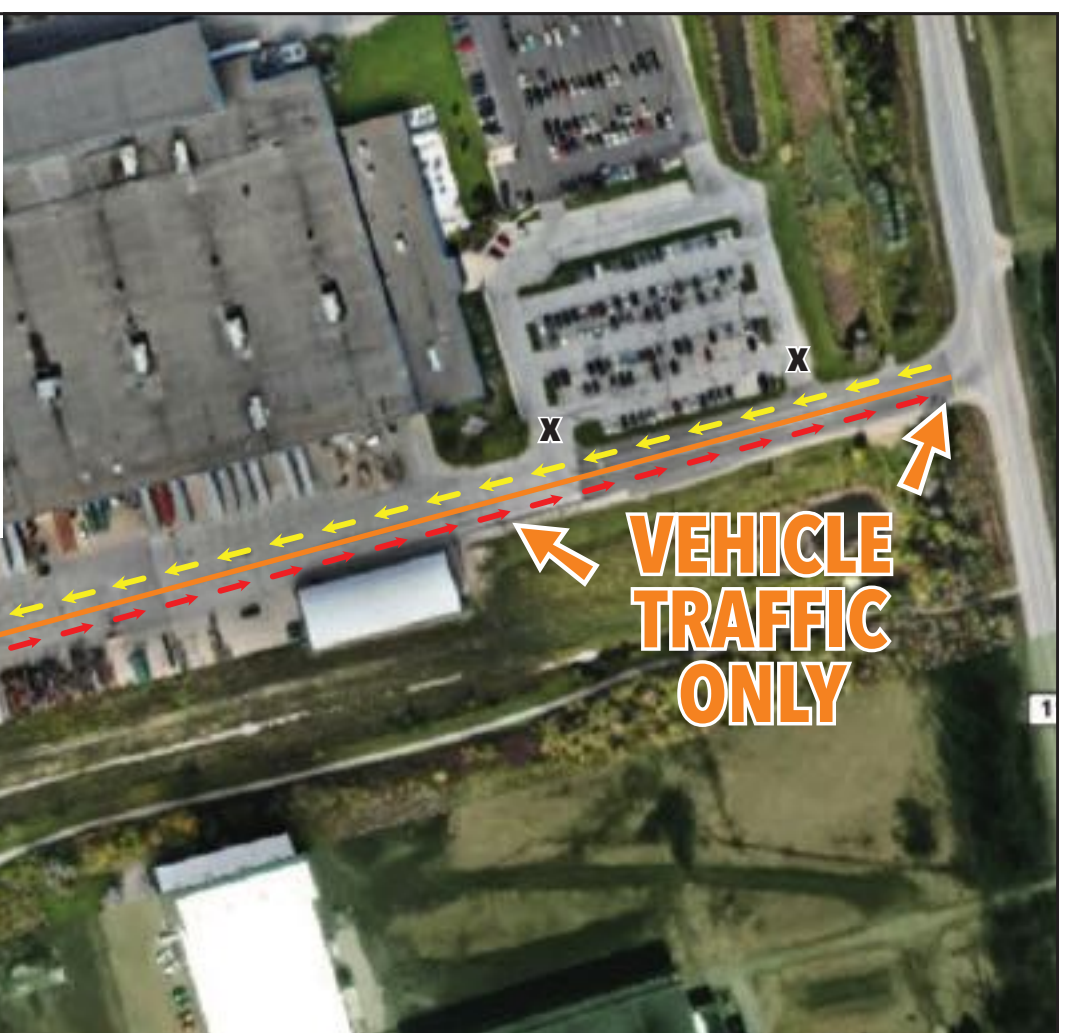
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# OPINION

## Jack Daniels and grape juice?

Six large glasses of water a day – or maybe it was eight.

That's a theory someone came up with several years ago, about the amount of water your body needs to stay healthy.

It sort of made sense, because after all, you are about 60 per cent water.

That theory sparked the great plastic water bottle craze, with people always carrying a bottle of water. Have a drink while driving, have a drink at your desk, have a drink in the middle of a speech you are giving at the Loyal Order of Water Buffalo's lodge meeting.

It became pretty normal.

I'm guessing the six glasses a day water theory was leaked to the media by a smart marketer at a water bottling company in an attempt to boost sales.

If so, it was one of the best marketing campaigns in history.

Sales of bottled water skyrocketed.

There was also a group of people who didn't trust tap water. And yet, it turns out the bottled water they were drinking came from the municipal water supply in Mississauga.

When caught, the company that bottled the tap water insisted it had a special

filtration process that purified the water before bottling, even though the city already has rigorous standards to ensure it supplies clean drinking water to its citizens.

Either way, people were now paying for a bottle of water they could get by turning on the faucet at home.

The downside to the bottled water craze is that, for some reason, apparently a lot of people who drink bottled water never think to dispose of the bottle correctly.

Sure, everyone says they don't throw the bottle away; however, there are billions and billions of water bottles lying in ditches, squashed in parking lots, blowing and tumbling across open areas, and creating a plastic storm in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

So, someone is lying about properly disposing of their plastic water bottle.

The funny thing is, after all the billions and billions of bottles of water sold to people who are trying to stay healthy, someone came up with a new theory of sorts.

It was reasoned that if your body needs water, you have an internal 'gas gauge' of

sorts: you get thirsty.

There's the actual science behind it all – if you feel thirsty, drink a glass of water and your feelings of thirst will go away!

If you don't feel thirsty, your system is currently happy with the amount of water you have in your body.

I think the same people who came up with the six glasses of water a day theory may also have been behind the Coca-Cola scandal a few years ago.

The Coca-Cola company, out of the blue in 1985, – read here, several months, maybe years of planning – announced they were changing the formula of its soft drink and renaming it 'the NEW Coke.'

Why in the world would you change the formula of your product that made it a huge global success, and has kept the company going for, at that time, around 100 years?

If you did decide to make a change, why announce it? Companies make subtle changes in their products all the time, but they don't tell the public.

If the public likes it, they will keep buying it, even if they notice that a company is now using sugar grown on the south side of the island rather than the north

side.

I tried the New Coke. Tasted pretty good to me, but slightly sweeter.

After the Coca-Cola company announced the New Coke, there was public outrage.

The company was receiving 1,500 letters of complaint per day, demanding that the original Coke formula be restored, and the story made international headlines.

Eventually, the original formula was restored, and all was well in the world of the best mix to go with your Jack Daniels!

It has been speculated in the years following the Great Coke Scandal that the company realized that the best way to make people want something is to take it away.

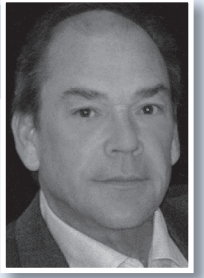
If that was their strategy, it worked. Coca-Cola is bigger than ever.

When it comes to keeping hydrated, I follow the Flintstones' thoughts on H2O.

Barney: (After a scammer tried to sell him something.) "Hey Fred, what kind of water do you use?"

Fred: "There is only one kind of water – wet!"

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## The coming crash

"The thing that comforts me," said Jeff Boudier at Hugging Face, the leading open platform for AI builders, "is that the internet was built on the ashes of the over-investment into the telecom infrastructure of yesterday" during the dot.com boom of the late 1990s. The coming AI crash "is going to enable lots of great new products and experiences including ones we're not thinking about today."

Boudier's optimism is charming, but note that he assumes this will all happen some years after the current AI-driven boom in global and especially American markets has crashed and burned, taking some of the 'magnificent seven' tech companies (Meta, Tesla, Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft and Nvidia) down with it.

Meanwhile ordinary folk will have to live through the post-Crash years one day at a time, and they may find it quite difficult.

Boudier's promise, credible or not, is that the half-trillion dollars now being hurled at AI infrastructure – data cen-

tres, graphics processing units, land purchases, construction – will at least leave behind hardware that will serve the next AI boom in the 2030s.

Far too much money is being spent on long-odds bets that some new AI tech will appear that justifies the current ridiculously high level of investment, but only one of the magnificent seven can demonstrate that its product will ever make a profit. Nvidia is already making a very large profit – but its product is chips, which it sells mostly to the other six.

The seven together represent about a third of the stock on Standard & Poor's Index, which tracks the stock performance of 500 leading American companies. When the Bubble bursts and at least some of them go down, therefore, they will probably take the whole market down with them at least in the US, and probably everywhere.

The Bubble (the word no longer requires explanation) is now expanding at a completely unsustainable rate. As Praetorian

Capital Management CEO Harris Kuperman wrote in August, "Today I watch in awe (stupefaction, really) as companies continue to throw endless resources at AI."

"I really thought that the CEOs of today, educated with the lessons of the prior cycle [the crash in 2000 that ended the dot.com boom], would never repeat the mistake of overbuilding at massive scale without revenue. Yet, here we are again."

Nobody in Silicon Valley is making rational calculations of Return on Investment any more. What drives the spending spree now is the conviction that really useful and profitable AI will magically emerge if you just scale up the computing power enough, and that the last companies standing will inherit the earth. Delusions of grandeur, in other words.

A run-of-the-mill stock market crash was getting overdue anyway – it's been seventeen years since the last one (not counting Covid) – but the folly of the present boom may well make the crash deeper and the recovery slower than normal. The biggest players in the system are spending vast amounts of borrowed

money on a technology they don't even fully understand.

There is definitely a hint of impending doom in the air. Stock market crashes are a feature of the system and normally just a major inconvenience, not a catastrophe (except for those who jumped too late). What further darkens the outlook is the already disordered environment in which the next one will be happening.

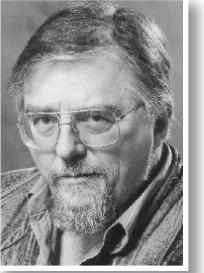
There are more and bigger wars than we have seen for decades, accompanied by a near-collapse of the international rule of law.

Donald Trump's headlong assault on the established rules of international trade has made every agreement open to doubt.

The first plausible attempt is underway to end the US dollar's monopoly as the global reserve currency and promote the Chinese yuan as a viable alternative, with the support of the BRICS group (China, India, Russia, Brazil, and six others).

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Haunt in the Park 2025 brings scares to the community

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For those with a love of scares and those with the stomach for it, the Little Family's annual Haunt in the Park is once again looking to distribute frights in 2025.

Hosted as always by the Little family, the event is free for everyone to attend, and they ask for donations for the local food bank. For years, the Haunt has provided much-needed donations of non-perishables and financial support to the Shelburne Food Bank.

Carola Little, an organizer of the annual event, said that no matter the size, accessibility will always remain a core component of the Haunt.

"The Little family has been putting on the Haunt in Shelburne for 32 years, and we started off very small," she said. "But we've expanded a lot over the years, and since 2015, we've been at Fiddle Park. We've kept it free for the past three decades, so that anybody could enjoy it without prejudice. It's fully accessible for wheelchairs and strollers as well."

The space is massive for a local haunted house this year. Hosted at KTH Shelburne Manufacturing for the first time, while Fiddle Park undergoes redevelopment, the space is 6,000 square feet. Little said that they've made quick use of the space.

"It's 6,000 square feet, and we've filled it up with about 60 volunteers as live actors spread

throughout the building," she said. "There's a lot to see, and we've prepared plenty of easter eggs for people to enjoy. We've got Fallout, for fans of the games or the show, we have Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Seville, and of course, we pay homage to the classic 80s horror movies, the beloved classics."

Little said that while all of this remains free for the public to enjoy, they encourage visitors to bring donations to the food bank, which the Haunt supports every year.

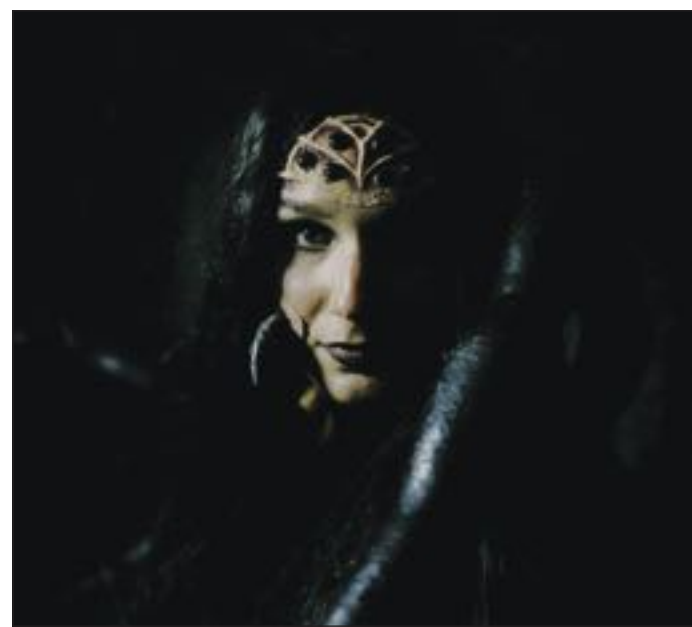
Last year, the event raised 300 pounds of food and \$2,500 in financial support, which helped the Shelburne Food Bank bridge the gap when it's busiest – between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"They have been great supporters of ours

for years; they absolutely love what we do," Little said. "We have been supporting the food bank for I think 20 years now, and we have no intentions of stopping. We love having that community spirit. We even have our logo on their van."

The Haunt will be running next week as well, with the penultimate night being Halloween. Little is encouraging everyone to come early to ensure they have a chance to go through, as last year, the turnout was so massive that they had to turn visitors away. Should the frights become a little too much to handle, the Haunt has plenty of extra exits available.

For more information on Haunt in the Park, visit [hauntinthepark.com](http://hauntinthepark.com).



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**TERRORS AND SCARERS:** Community volunteers or ghoulish monsters? Haunt in the Park returned over the weekend (Oct. 24-25), bringing with it a terrifying collection of experiences, from classics like Pennywise the clown to new experiences like Fallout's ghouls. This year, Haunt in the Park is being held at KTH Manufacturing while the regular venue, Fiddle Park, undergoes redevelopment.

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**HALLOWEEN FUN:** Treats in the Streets took over Shelburne's downtown core on Oct. 25, with children and parents dressed up in a variety of Halloween costumes. Business handed out candy to children who trick-or-treated at their businesses. The annual event is organized by the Shelburne BIA each year.



## Headwaters' 12-hour 'mammoth' screens over 40 women for breast cancer

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a local health care facility recently held an event to promote early detection.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) rallied the community throughout October through an educational campaign to encourage eligible women to receive mammograms.

The campaign culminated in a 12-hour marathon of mammograms, called a "mammoth" on Friday, Oct. 24, bolstering early detection of breast cancer.

"Early detection is a vital part of breast cancer diagnosis and in saving lives. We know that one in eight women in Canada will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and breast cancer is most treatable when caught early," said HHCC President and CEO Kim Delahunt.

"We were fully booked throughout the 12-hour mammoth, with women from across our community coming in for their mammograms, some arriving with their mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends, and neighbours. It's incredibly inspiring to see our community come together to take this

important step in prevention and self-care."

The mammoth ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., where 42 women from the community were screened. Up to 75 per cent of those women received a mammogram for the first time, according to HHCC.

The hospital also launched a successful staff mammoth to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Oct. 3. Throughout the day, 37 HHCC staff received on-site mammograms, inspiring others in the community to do the same.

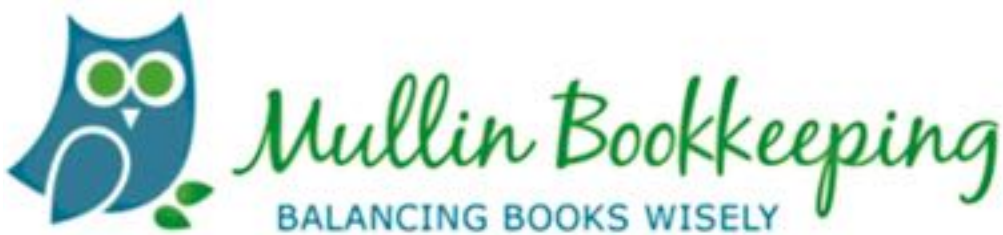
"Headwaters' mammography program uses state-of-the-art digital radiography, is

fully accredited by the Canadian Association of Radiologists and proudly participates in the Ontario Breast Screening Program," reads a press release from HHCC issued Oct. 28.

"Women between the ages of 40 and 74 can self-refer, booking directly without a physician's referral by calling 519-941-2410 ext. 2842."

The Ontario Breast Screening Program has certified Headwaters as a Breast Assessment Centre.

The hospital is located at 100 Rolling Hills Drive, Orangeville.



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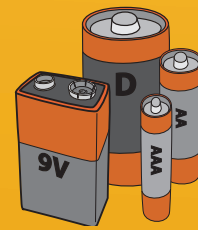
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**PUMPKIN PAINTING:** Hosted at the Shelburne Foodland, families were invited to let their kids' imaginations go wild in designing their perfect Halloween pumpkins. Paints, stickers and googly eyes were widely employed to make each pumpkin a work of art.



## Shelburne seeks help funding \$1.2 million environmental assessment for truck bypass

**Continued from Front**

"There has to be a very comprehensive assessment of routes, and all the issues associated with those environmental impacts assessed," she said. "That process will allow all the environmental concerns on preferred routes to be evaluated."

The town is hoping this process can be expedited — an "EA on steroids," Morrisey said.

This study could, however, take multiple years to complete, depending on the work required to complete it — potentially two to three.

She continued, saying that the province currently doesn't see the application as a priority, but if there were a more collaborative funding plan, they would be more likely to consider it.

The proposed recommendation is a three-way collaborative funding plan, in which the

Town of Shelburne will contribute \$300,000, the County of Dufferin will contribute another \$300,000, and the province will contribute the remaining \$600,000.

Council acknowledged that this is an expensive undertaking, but Councillor Lindsay Wegener said that they want to make it clear that this is a mandatory step to move forward with a truck bypass, which residents have sought for a long time.

"To clarify for the public, this 1.2 million is only for the environmental assessment," she said. "In essence, a report, it's so expensive, and I find that's absolutely crazy, but we have no other option. We have to pay this to move forward with the bypass you all want."

Shelburne council accepted the joint funding recommendation, which will be included in the 2026 draft budget. The budget will be discussed at a council meeting on Nov. 24.

## County council approves funding for water improvements at Dufferin Oaks long-term care

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Water pressure at the Dufferin Oaks Long-term Care Home falls a little flat.

And Dufferin County council agreed during its Oct. 23 meeting to dip into the facility's capital reserve fund to pay for the additional necessary work.

County councillor Philip Rentsch, Grand Valley's deputy mayor, said the water pressure into the facility seems "ridiculously low" and

he wanted to know if that was out of the norm or if it is indicative of the service in Shelburne.

Brenda Wagner, the county's health and human services director, said the water going into Dufferin Oaks is 40 pounds per square inch (psi). A report to county council indicated that a pressure of up to 80 psi is required to adequately push water to the facility's third floor.

The ideal residential water pressure is generally taken to be between 40 psi and 60 psi. Many builders believe the 60-70 psi range is

preferred by property owners.

Wagner said a comparative investigation with the municipality gauged water pressure at the Mel Lloyd Centre and the McKelvie Burnside Village to be 70 psi.

"My assumption around this is that during the original build maybe something wasn't set up correctly," she said. "Determining what the root cause of this is really on our end."

According to a staff report to county council, the cost to fix the water pressure problem could reach as much as \$39,225.

Warden Janet Horner, Mulmur's mayor, said hot water on the third floor at Dufferin Oaks is also an issue. That impacts care to residents, especially during peak times of the day.

Due to the building's structure, the current plumbing system at Dufferin Oaks is insufficient to keep up with demand.

Wagner said staff have been compensating by timing when certain water-intensive tasks and duties, such as baths, are carried out.

"They've just been working around this," Wagner said.

  
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# Arts & Entertainment



## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Alexandra Scott ready for return to Shelburne Art Gallery

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is set to host local artistic talent this month, as Orangeville high schooler Alexandra Scott has another exhibition scheduled: AS Designs II.

Scott, now in Grade 12 at a high school in Orangeville, is looking to expand her existing skill set and projects. Scott mainly uses acrylic and watercolour, and her creations are usually reflections of emotion, experience, and abstraction.

All of her pieces draw inspiration from per-

sonal experience and her everyday life, seeking to offer viewers emotional connecting experiences.

The Town of Shelburne is looking forward to having her back at the gallery.

"The Town of Shelburne is thrilled to welcome back Alexandra Scott for her second solo exhibit, *AS Designs II*, at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery," said Melissa Kenney, communications coordinator for the Town of Shelburne. "Now in Grade 12 at Westside Secondary School in Orangeville, she continues to demonstrate a remarkable evolution in her artistic voice, blending bold design elements with

thoughtful expression."

"AS Designs II builds on her previous exhibit, offering viewers a look into her creative journey and the themes that have inspired her."

The exhibit will open to the public on Nov. 3 and run until Nov. 21. The gallery will be open Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A public reception for the exhibit will also be held on Nov. 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Town of Shelburne is encouraging the public to come out and view Scott's latest exhibit to support local artistic talent.

"This exhibit reflects our ongoing commit-

ment to supporting emerging artists and fostering creativity within our community," said Kenney. "The Town of Shelburne continues to champion local arts initiatives that celebrate diversity, youth engagement, and artistic excellence."

"We invite residents and visitors alike to experience this exhibit and support the next generation of artists," Kenney added.

For more information on the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery and more upcoming exhibits, further details can be found at [shelburne.ca/explore-and-play/arts-and-culture/shelburne-town-hall-art-gallery/upcoming-ex](http://shelburne.ca/explore-and-play/arts-and-culture/shelburne-town-hall-art-gallery/upcoming-ex)

### Chris Hadfield touches down in Orangeville to talk space and writing career

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville brought Canadian space icon Chris Hadfield to the Opera House on Sunday (Oct. 26) to talk about his new novel, *Final Orbit*, part three of his Apollo Murders series.

Set in 1957, amongst the backdrop of the Cold War space race, *Final Orbit* follows a joint mission between three NASA astronauts and three cosmonauts. Kaz Zemeckis, a flight controller based on Earth, listens. Something goes horribly wrong, and three of the crew die in a mysterious accident. Amongst the chaos and confusion, a third power from the east is rising, as China sends its first man into space.

"It's been very delightful to have been able to release a book into the wild," he said. "It was a domesticated animal for a long time, and it feels wonderful to see how many people are enjoying it."

Hadfield has enjoyed writing his whole life, starting with short stories as a teenager. Going into his early 20s, he wrote for an underground newspaper. But he said he was holding off on writing anything until he felt he had accumulated enough experience.

"When I was a brand-new astronaut, I was approached to write a biography, to which I said, 'a biography? I haven't done anything yet,'" he said. "I wanted to get to a stage in my life where I had done enough things and maybe gained enough perspective that it was worth writing."

He was eventually asked to write an introduction to Ray Bradbury's classic sci-fi novel, *The Martian Chronicles*, which led a UK-based publisher to suggest he try writing fiction. This led to Hadfield writing *The Apollo Murders* series, which applied what he had learned speaking to crowds during his career as an astronaut.

"Once I got selected as an astronaut, and because Canada has almost no astronauts, you have to go out and speak a lot," he said. "People want to hear stories about space that are cool. But they also want to hear the 'why?' and 'How does this apply to me?'. I learned more and more about what's useful and how to tell a story that's memorable."

"If I tell you facts and figures of a space shuttle, you won't remember them. But if I tell you what it was like to fly one, and slip in some facts, you might remember them."

This approach has paid off well for Hadfield's launch into fiction. His series has earned critical acclaim for its approach to science fiction, and here in town, Theatre Orangeville sold out tickets for his event well in advance.

Hadfield is just the first of many incoming authors to be hosted at Theatre Orangeville as part of Authors on Stage, a series created in collaboration with BookLore.

"This special series is more than an evening with acclaimed authors; it's a community collaboration that champions local arts and culture," said Theatre Orangeville in a statement. "Together, BookLore and Theatre Orangeville are uniting literature and live theatre in sup-



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**WINNING MATCH:** Chris Hadfield (right), astronaut, musician and writer, hopes to inspire a continued wonder of space, with a touch of a thrill, as he releases his third book in his ongoing Apollo Murders series, *Final Orbit*.

port of our New Play Development (NPD) Fund,"

"Every ticket purchased directly contributes to nurturing Canadian playwrights and helping bring new stories to life on our stage through workshops and commissions," the statement added.

Next up, Theatre Orangeville will host author Alan Doyle on Nov. 23, which has already sold out. Adams Shoalts is next on Dec. 2, and tickets are limited but still available. They can be found on Theatre Orangeville's website at: [theatreorangeville.ca/fundraiser/authors-on-stage](http://theatreorangeville.ca/fundraiser/authors-on-stage)

### Local author challenges leaders to be different – to be better – in new book

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

"How do I lead?" is a question that every leader might ask. From store managers to heads of state across the world, that question will ring out from the backs of their minds, and doesn't always get the same answer.

Shelburne author and resident Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson wants to challenge the conventional mindset of leaders everywhere. She wants to redefine what it means to lead and break through established standards with her new book, *The Distinctive Leader*.

"This is not another leadership book that you read and set down somewhere and forget about," she said. "This book is a transformational manifesto. It looks at leaders, beyond the titles and positions. It challenges them to look at their legacy, what they are leaving behind. It challenges them to redefine it, and to shine a light on the world so that others can find hope and purpose."

O'Hara-Stephenson said that a leader is not the position or the titles. A leader is the person who dedicates their time to service. It's

someone who takes pride in the work they do for others and on behalf of others. To her, leadership – when everything else is stripped away – is public service.

She said this is an important question the book will pose to readers.

"What is your legacy leaving behind?" she said. "Forget about your title or position. How are you serving others, and how are you making their lives a little bit better? It's as simple as that."

Some of the topics the book addresses are how to bring out confidence in a leader and what might take away from that confidence. Even in today's world, inequality at every level persists, whether that be gender equity, pay equity, or cultural norms; all of these factors can empower or push down people trying to shine.

O'Hara-Stephenson said she wants to reimagine that and draws on her own life experiences.

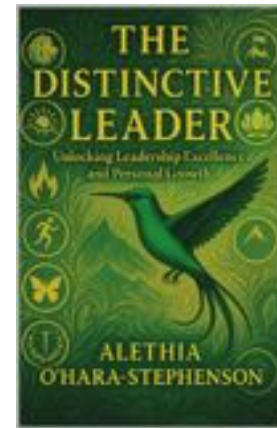
"Just looking at chapter one, it's very heavy, talking about the perceptions of being a black woman and some of the barriers that we face," she said. "The most common notion is around

the angry black woman stereotype. The book uncovers other stigmas as well, such as wearing my natural hair. Historically, a black woman's hair has been deemed unprofessional. But I ask 'Based on what standard?', This is the hair I was born with."

The book will address entrenched norms from a perspective that starts conversations around them, allowing leaders to reflect on what they see as normalcy, and encourage them to be proactive and challenge set standards. It will also empower those who are trapped on the other side of those standards, encouraging them to push through.

O'Hara-Stephenson wants people to be genuine with themselves and with each other, as the first step in leading is having confidence in yourself. She said that the book can be picked up by anyone at any level and will give them helpful insights at the end of every chapter.

"After each chapter, you'll see some re-



flective questions waiting for you," she said. "This is to help readers stop, think, and digest the information they've just taken in. We're going to talk about imposter syndrome, burnout, and how people can identify the symptoms and put steps in place to overcome them."

It is O'Hara-Stephenson's hope that readers will find useful nuggets in the book that help uplift or expand their horizons on what being a leader means to them, and empower people to be

themselves and to love themselves. She said that even people at the top don't have all the answers, and that leadership is just another step in personal growth.

"Distinctive leadership was never about position," she said. "It's your purpose, your growth, and your impact. This book is all about unlocking your excellence, helping you shine brighter."

The *Distinctive Leader* is available now at BookLore in Orangeville and Amazon.ca.

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# SPORTS

## Shelburne Golf & Country Club celebrates 50th anniversary

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

When Sam Young first laid eyes on a small golf course just north of Shelburne, he knew it had the potential to become something great.

The original course on County Road 124 was just six holes. It was later expanded to include a full nine holes.

Sam purchased the golf course in 1975 and started preparing to expand it to a full 18 holes.

He worked at an office in his basement, laying out a diagram of the property and carefully planning where all the fairways and greens would be.

After buying more property to the east, the course was expanded to 18 holes, with further expansion on the north side to include a putting green and driving range.

The Clubhouse was renovated, and a new addition was added several years ago.

Sam passed away in April 2024, but his legacy continues as his family still runs the Club.

Sam's daughter, Megan Gupta-Young, is the Club's General Manager. His son, Brooks, is the course superintendent.

Sam was well known for his work with junior golfers, and he took great pride in helping them develop their skills.

"This is a huge occasion for us," Megan said during a gathering to celebrate the Club's 50th anniversary. "Fifty years of operating a business is a real achievement. I'm so proud of my mom (Mary) and my dad, who's no longer here. From humble beginnings, my dad built this golf course by himself with his backhoe. It wasn't an easy ride, operating a business can be very challenging."

Megan praised her staff for their hard work and mentioned they all live nearby.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**MAJOR MILESTONE:** Shelburne Golf & Country Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The Club was the vision of golf pro Sam Young, who turned a nine-hole course into a full 18-hole facility in 1975. Sam's wife Mary (Club owner/operator), daughter Megan Gupta-Young (Club general manager), and son Brooks Young (superintendent), are joined by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Melancthon Mayor Darren White, Melancthon CAO/clerk Denise Holmes, manager Cailey Wilson, Phil Barnett of The Cut Above Landscaping, assistant general manager Owen Holliday, PGA golf professional Jaymond Woods, and head chef Robin Whaley, during a gathering to celebrate the anniversary.

"Dad bought it as a nine-hole course," Megan explained. "When it first opened in 1961, it was a six-hole course. My dad planned this golf course in our basement. He had the vision, and he could look at

the map and see how he wanted to plan his golf course. He was able to integrate the old nine with the new nine to make 18 holes."

The Club has become a popular place

not only for golf, but also for events and weddings.

After 50 years as a successful golf course, Megan said they plan to continue for another 50 years.

## CDDHS senior girls complete regular season with 6-4 record, heading to playoffs

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals senior girls basketball team is heading into the playoffs after playing their final regular season game in the gym at CDDHS on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

District 4 girls had a 10-game schedule this year that began on Sept. 22.

The Royals faced the Emmanuel Christian High Eagles from Fergus in the final game.

It was a tough game for the Royals when the Eagles went ahead 19-10 at the half.

The Fergus team kept up the pressure in the second half, and when the buzzer sounded to end the third quarter, the Eagles were leading 32-15.

The Royals were playing a good game, but they just couldn't make any hoops, and the Fergus team pulled ahead in the final quarter to win the game 44-21.

"Even with the final score, we still played good, better than our last game," said Royals forward Ashley Valade after the game. "We played way better, our chemistry was better, we just have to communicate more. I think for offence, we had the ball moving around the key and passing to the middle – that was nice. We were getting some good quick shots."

The Royals ended the regular season in third place with a 6-4 record.

The top four teams in the District 4 standings have secured playoff berths.

Norwell District Secondary School and Wellington Heights Secondary School did not make the playoffs this season.

CDDHS will face Emmanuel Christian High School in the semi-final round of the playoffs.

That game was scheduled to take place in Fergus on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Results were not available at press time.

In the other semi-final, the first-place Westside Secondary School Thunder will face the fourth-place Erin District High School squad.

Winning teams from the semi-final round will go on to compete in the District 4 senior girls basketball championship game on Nov. 3.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**DRIBBLING INTO THE ZONE:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals take on the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles in the gym at CDDHS during the last game of the regular season. The Royals lost 44-21 in this game. Royals forward Kaylah Blumetti takes the ball into the Eagles' zone during the third quarter of the game. The Royals will meet the Eagles again in the semi-final round of the playoffs.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**TEA SAUNDERS**

Playing basketball since she was in elementary school, Tea Saunders brings a lot of skill to the CDDHS girls' varsity basketball team.

"I like meeting new people on the team and good sportsmanship," Tea said of why she likes playing the sport. "I like shooting and dribbling."

A well rounded athlete involved in a lot of sports, Tea also plays soccer, volleyball, baseball, practices Moi Toi, and is going to try flag football this year.

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# Ice storm shows service gaps in rural, urban Dufferin County

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County has requested assistance through the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program.

The provincial government program was announced in June on the heels of a storm earlier in the year that shut down much of the province.

It's assistance to municipalities in covering operating costs beyond regular budgets, needed to protect public health, safety, or access to essential services. It's to help cover capital costs for repairing public infrastructure or property.

The application deadline is Oct. 31.

Municipalities within the umbrella of Dufferin County experienced a prolonged severe ice storm at the end of March. The storm mangled much of the county's infrastructure, stretched emergency services, and tormented residents with havoc wrought by downed trees, widespread power outages, and disrupted communication.

Households, urban and rural alike, experienced outages over multiple days, and vulnerable populations faced heightened risks.

"Despite these challenges, the response highlighted the strength and adaptability of the county and its communities," according to a staff report to Dufferin County council. "Inter-agency coordination, mutual aid between municipalities, and strong volunteer engagement ensured critical supports were provided."

Those supports included wellness checks, the opening of warming centres, and the distribution of resources.

"Residents demonstrated resilience and solidarity, sharing resources, assisting neighbors, and taking proactive measures to protect homes and property," according to the report.

The storm highlighted things municipalities and the upper tier need to improve to better gear up for the next weather event.

Backup power supplies, better rural communication networks, and public education on generator safety, debris management, and emergency preparedness are measures that need to be considered.

Lessons learned from this event will inform future planning, guiding investments in infrastructure modernization, enhanced emergency management strategies, expanded public education, and continued support for community resilience initiatives.

From the county's after-action report: "By building on these experiences, Dufferin County is better positioned to protect residents, support vulnerable populations, and respond effectively to future severe weather events."

Councillor Darren White, the mayor in Melancthon, said the after-action report into the March ice storm contains many broad strokes when he'd like to have seen some finer-pointed items. He appreciates the recommendations, but he feels they're wide-ranging.

"As much as we talk about climate change and increasing storms and more emergencies and whatnot, what council has failed to do is put appropriate people into the emergency management office enough that we can actually build out those emergencies and try to fix them instead of constantly being reactive, which is what we always seem to do," White said.



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**REPAIRING THE WRECKAGE:** Shelburne and surrounding area residents are in the process of cleaning up the aftermath of a freezing rain storm that hit the community late Saturday (March 29). The storm resulted in downed trees, downed hydro poles and power outages for thousands of residents.

He said the county provides some services to municipalities. Other services, such as waste collection, are farmed out to contractors who may have rigid rules for delivering the service uniformly throughout the county.

Take waste collection, as an example.

The northern parts of the county were hit more severely by the ice storm than the southern centres. But residents at both ends had to work within the same parameters for collecting and bundling waste.

In southern Dufferin, White offered, as an example, that more residents may have had fewer, smaller fallen trees to bundle into lengths of three feet and no more than 40

pounds. North Dufferin residents in more rural areas may have had larger trees to contend with for collection.

Those larger trees had to be broken down and bundled in the same three-foot lengths as the southern smaller branches.

"That's just totally ridiculous," White said. "There's no other way to say it."

The county needs to work with contractors to make such programs flexible, he said.

"Something like this is going to happen again," he said. "Maybe not this year. Maybe two years from now. Maybe three years from now. There'll be people still trying to bundle their waste to put out into the yard."

# Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County hosts Caregiver Retreat Day

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caregivers dedicate countless hours to care for loved ones, taking careful time to provide the necessary support and comfort to those who live with Dementia and Alzheimer's.

But on Oct. 23, the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County (ASDC) decided that the caregivers deserved a day of care. Elaine Griffin, a psychogeriatric resource consultant with the ASDC, said that it's a day for caregivers to put themselves first.

"This is our second annual retreat day, and the goal for our group is to give our caregivers a day of respite, and leave the joy and the love, and also the burden of caregiving, at home," she said. "Today, they are totally going to be pampered and spoiled so we can recognize the fabulous work that they do."

She said that the caregivers present were all on different journeys with their loved ones, but they were in an environment that supported them and let them process their

love, their loss, and any other feelings they may be going through.

"Everybody in the room today is caring for someone living with Alzheimer's disease, or related dementia," she said. "Some of them are still going through the grieving process, so we want to acknowledge that the journey doesn't end when their loved one has passed. Some of them are going through what we call 'ambiguous grief.' What that means is as they go through their journey, they lose parts of that person that they love."

She said that all kinds of caregivers were welcome.

"These beautiful people are coming from all sorts of different situations," she said. "Some live at home and care for somebody 24 hours a day. Others are part of support teams from retirement homes or long-term care."

An important part of any caregiver, Griffin said, is self-care, which sometimes caregivers forget to prioritize. Scheduling days like this one allows them to stop, think, and decompress from their responsibilities. Then they can take care of themselves before returning

to caregiving.

The day featured food served by the nearby Centre Cafe. ASDC also provided guided painting and musical activities.

Jerry Hayward, a local caregiver who takes care of his wife, Peggy, said the day was an incredible idea and he's thankful to the ASDC for putting it on.

"This is so awesome," he said. "I wasn't taking care of myself, and everything was really draining me badly, which in turn meant that I couldn't help. But the society really helped me, I'm really indebted to the Alzheimer's Society, I love them."

Hayward offered some advice to anyone else going through a similar situation.

"You have to take a step back, and you have to really try not to take things too seriously," he said. "You need to go with the flow, one day at a time, because every day could be different in ways you can't see coming. Things that used to work might not work today. So you need to go with it."

Hayward said that, despite the challenges Peggy faces, they still go out fairly regularly.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS:** Jerry finds the Retreat Day to be an amazing experience that lets him slow down and relax. He hopes that more caregivers learn to take time for themselves to stay mentally and physically healthy.

He takes her out for food at Swiss Chalet, and they are regulars at Theatre Orangeville.

His story is one of many that continue to evolve with the support the ASDC provides every day.

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# Dufferin County considers roundabouts to improve road safety

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County thoroughfares may benefit from roundabouts at certain intersections and stretches of road.

A September Road Safety Audit identified sightlines at the intersection of Dufferin Road 17 and Dufferin Road 19 as being below the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) minimum standards.

According to a report of the audit, available sight distances were measured at 165 metres west and 200 metres east, compared to the TAC minimum of 210 metres.

Dufferin County staff recommend reducing the posted speed limit from 80km/h to 50km/h along the east-west approaches to the intersection to improve intersection safety.

“Lowering the speed limit to 50km/h provides motorists with increased reaction time, shorter stopping distances, and a more forgiving environment in the event of driver error, all of which directly mitigate the identified risks,” according to the staff report.

Councillor Philip Rentsch, the deputy

mayor of Grand Valley, wondered whether lowering the speed limit would be effective.

“I get that because we did a Road Safety Audit and we said there’s a problem we have to do something about it,” he said. “I’m curious as to why this and not something else?”

“Do we actually think that it’s going to have an impact on the ground unless the Township of Mulmur puts a dedicated OPP officer there on occasion to actually enforce the speed limit?”

To ensure consistency and effectiveness of the reduced speed zone, county and municipal staff will work together to update the posted limit along 10 Sideroad as well.

Coordinated implementation will help prevent abrupt speed transitions through the intersection area and provide a clear, predictable environment for drivers approaching from all directions.

Scott Burns, the county’s public works director, said the issue with that stretch of road is a little bit unusual.

“Typically when we look at a road we look at its full length and there could be anomalies in that road that don’t comply with the strict standards, but you still would main-

tain an overarching speed limit,” he said.

An audit looks at a specific place in which potential hazards are highlighted, he said. Then those hazards have to be addressed.

“That’s kind of the unique feature of the road safety audit process is that it doesn’t just consider that typical norm,” he said. “It looks at every single hazard that potentially is in place.”

Burns said the stop signs at that intersection have been enlarged to improve visibility. Sightlines are being improved along the roadside. The speed limit considers “the actual geometry of the road and what sightlines are available,” he said.

So there could be a situation in which a portion of the road is reconstructed with sightlines to accommodate an 80km/h speed limit, he said.

“When we look at these things, we also have to think about the costs associated with them,” Burns said. “At this point in time the recommendation we would make would be to reduce the speed so the sightline complies.”

Coun. James McLean, Melancthon’s deputy mayor, suggested that constructing a roundabout at that intersection would ef-

fectively cause speeds to be reduced without the need for a dedicated police officer at the site to ensure motorist compliance.

“I think this would be a perfect opportunity to test the province’s promise of funding roundabouts in response to their cancellation of speed cameras,” said Coun. John Creelman, who is the mayor of Mono. “I realize it is not a community safety zone and there was no speed camera there, but the province says they will fund roundabouts. This would be a good opportunity to hold them to their word.”

Coun. Todd Taylor, Orangeville’s deputy mayor, agrees there is much room for roundabouts in the Dufferin community.

Coun. Gail Little, Amaranth’s deputy mayor, said there is danger in having motorists drive at 80km/h and then slow for a 60km/h stretch of road before traipsing to 50km/h and back up to 80km/h when there’s no enforcement.

A roundabout there would remedy that. “I would not like us to miss out on this potential funding opportunity,” she said.

A commuter’s mindset is centred on the daily schedule and getting to where they need to be quickly.

# FTP’s former executive director celebrated with commemorative bench

Written By SAM ODROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Orangeville’s emergency shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse – Family Transition Place – recently recognized a community advocate who served as its executive director for 17 years.

FTP’s Board of Directors held an unveiling of a commemorative bench at Alexandra Park in Orangeville on Oct. 28, honouring Norah Kennedy, who retired from her role as executive director at this time last year.

“The commemorative bench serves as both a heartfelt expression of gratitude for Norah’s remarkable leadership and a lasting symbol of rest, reflection, and renewal for the community she served with passion and integrity,” reads a press release from FTP.

“The bench stands as a tribute to Norah’s years of advocacy, compassion, and her tireless efforts to advance FTP’s mission and support women and families across the region,” reads the press release.

Sharyn Ayliffe, the current board chair of FTP, expressed her appreciation for Kennedy’s dedication during her tenure.

“This critical and life-saving work is, unfortunately, endless. Individuals like Norah — those who dedicate their life’s work to helping others, who provide a voice for those

who have been silenced, who inspire hope, courage, and resilience, and who strive to create safety for victims of gender-based violence — are the unsung heroes of our community,” said Ayliffe. “The Board and staff of FTP will be forever grateful to Norah Kennedy for her years of passionate service and for the legacy she leaves behind.”

Kennedy’s 17 years as executive director were spent leading the organization with integrity, grace, and conviction, according to FTP.

“She was a steadfast advocate for the Violence Against Women sector and a champion for all who sought support on their journey toward safety and wellbeing. Her leadership, mentorship, and advocacy helped shape FTP into a sector leader — an organization grounded in compassion, empowerment, belonging, and hope,” reads the press release.

“The bench, a gift from the FTP Board of Directors, represents a lasting expression of gratitude and an invitation to the community to pause — to rest, reflect, and renew — in the same spirit Norah brought to her work every day.”

During the bench’s unveiling ceremony in Alexandra Park, remarks were shared by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, members of the FTP board, and Kennedy.



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**REPAIRING THE WRECKAGE:** A bench dedication ceremony was held at Alexandra Park in Orangeville in honour of Family Transition Place’s retired executive director Norah Kennedy on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Remarks were shared by Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, members of the FTP board, and Kennedy.



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To view a comprehensive overview of the position, please go to <https://jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en-US/irss/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/3083>

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# Shelburne Public Library shares upcoming events, Recommended Read

A heartfelt thank you to our patrons and friends of the library for your warm wishes for Rose on her retirement.

She was filled with joy and gratitude at her celebration on Sunday and looks forward to connecting with you on her regular visits to the library – especially now that she has even more time to read.

The Shelburne Public Library has more meaningful events coming up in November. Recognize Remembrance Day with “Beyond the Uniform,” a special presentation from Dr. Darryl Cathcart on Tuesday, Nov. 24,

from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dr. Cathcart will share how military service is a shared legacy, the skills gained through service, and the challenges and opportunities faced by today’s Veterans.

Join Bethell Hospice on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to create a remembrance butterfly to be included in an art installation at Headwaters Health Care Centre. Please register for these events and more on our website.

Save the date: Saturday, Dec. 6 is our annual silent auction and book sale. We will grate-

fully accept donations starting in November.

### RECOMMENDED READ:

**Forget Me Not by Stacy Willingham:** Twenty-two years ago, Claire Campbell’s older sister, Natalie, disappeared shortly after her eighteenth birthday. Days later, her blood was found in a car, a man was arrested, and the case was swiftly closed. In the decades since, Claire has attempted to forget her traumatic past by moving to the city and climbing the ranks as an investigative journalist. That was until an unexpected call from her father

forces her to come back home and face it all anew.

**Why Jade Recommends it:** Claire finds herself drawn back into the idyllic vineyard from which her sister disappeared decades before. On the surface, it’s a secluded paradise that helps her feel close to her sister. Claire will find herself in danger when she gets close to solving who was really responsible for her sister’s disappearance. If you enjoy reading Jane Harper or Shelley Burr, there’s a good chance you’ll enjoy this one too.

# Failure to stop for police in Melancton results in several charges

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers has charged a North York resident with numerous offences after the driver failed to stop for police.

On Oct. 24, shortly before 2:30 p.m., Dufferin County OPP officers were conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 10 in the Township of Melancton when they ob-

served a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver passed another vehicle on the shoulder, lost control, and crossed over the highway, coming to rest on the front lawn of a nearby residence.

Upon impact, the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The male driver was taken

into custody at the scene and transported to a local hospital as a precaution.

Hiwad Batoor, 36, from North York, has been charged with the following offences:

- Flight from peace officer
- Dangerous operation
- Speeding 1 - 49 Km/h over posted limit
- Drive motor vehicle - Perform stunt

- Fail to stop for police
- Pass - off roadway

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver’s licence has been suspended, and the vehicle has been impounded.

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

# Local police investigating theft of 2007 Kubota L5040, equipped with loader, backhoe

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating the theft of a 2007 Kubota L5040 tractor stolen from the area of Third Line

and Hockley Valley Road (County Road 7) in the Town of Mono.

On October 19, 2025, at approximately 9:14 a.m., Dufferin OPP were notified of the

stolen vehicle. The investigation revealed that the theft occurred sometime between the afternoon of October 18 and the early morning hours of October 19 at a local ski and golf resort.

The stolen vehicle is described as an orange 2007 Kubota L5040 tractor equipped

with a loader, backhoe, a set of R4 industrial tires, and no cab.

Anyone with information or surveillance footage that may assist with this investigation is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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**Missing 13-year-old found safe**

Dufferin Ontario Provincial (OPP) issued a press release on Oct. 28 at 4:30 p.m., seeking the public’s and media partners’ assistance in locating a missing 13-year-old male, last seen on Wellington Road in Orangeville.

Dufferin OPP issued a follow-up-statement notifying the public that a previously missing 13-year-old male from Orangeville has been located safe on Oct 29.

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