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## 2025 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES IN DUFFERIN-CALEDON

### ALTON

Sunday, November 9, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

Alton Legion Hall  
1267 Queen St., Alton  
Potluck lunch in the upstairs hall following the Service. The Legion asks that anyone attending the lunch to please bring a dish. For more details, please contact the Legion directly at 519-942-4021.

### BOLTON

Sunday, November 9, 2025  
12:30 p.m.

Bolton Cenotaph  
Centennial Drive, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton

### CALEDON EAST

Tuesday, November 11, 2025  
10:50 a.m.

Caledon East Cenotaph  
(Town Hall)  
6311 Old Church Road,  
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### GRAND VALLEY

Tuesday, November 11, 2025  
10:50 a.m.

Grand Valley Cenotaph  
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Grand Valley

### SHELBURNE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025  
Service at 9:30 a.m.

(203 William St., Shelburne)  
March to Cenotaph at 10:45 a.m.  
Service at Cenotaph at 11:00 a.m.  
Cenotaph located at  
203 Main Street E., Shelburne  
The Legion will be hosting a dinner at the Legion at 5:30 p.m. For more details, please contact the Legion directly at 519-925-3800.

### ORANGEVILLE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025  
10:30 a.m.

Orangeville Cenotaph  
(Alexandra Park)  
Orangeville

### MANSFIELD

Tuesday, November 11, 2025  
10:45 a.m.

Mansfield Cenotaph  
Mansfield Park  
(937016 Airport Road)  
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## 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The war began on September 1, 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. Canada officially entered the war days later on September 10, 1939.

Canada's military contributions to the Second World War were immense. More than one million Canadians fought in lengthy and arduous campaigns around the world serving on land, sea, and in the air. These campaigns included the Dieppe Raid, the Italian Campaign, the Battle of the Atlantic, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy where Canadian forces demonstrated tremendous valour and whose efforts significantly contributed to the defeat of the German, Italian and Japanese forces.

By the time the Second World War officially ended six years later in 1945, more than 1.1 million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in uniform here at home and abroad with more than 45,000 making the ultimate sacrifice and another 55,000 being wounded.

We remember the sacrifices of the exceptional Canadian men and women who served in this War to protect our great country.

**Kyle Seeback, M.P.**  
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## ANNUAL YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTEST - ENTER TO WIN!

Passing on the torch of Remembrance from generation to generation is essential in ensuring the selfless service and sacrifices made by our country's finest will never be forgotten.

I'm inviting youth of Dufferin-Caledon to enter my 4th annual poster contest, sharing their original creative artwork (hand-drawn or painted) to proudly honour our Veterans and to show what Remembrance Day represents to them.

One prize will be awarded for each of the following four categories: 1) Primary Level (Grades 1, 2, 3), 2) Junior Level (Grades 4, 5, 6), 3) Intermediate Level (Grades 7, 8, 9), and 4) Senior Level (Grades 10, 11, 12). Please note one entry per youth.

Contest entries may be dropped off at my constituency office at 180 Broadway, Third Floor, Unit B, Orangeville or a clear photograph of the original poster art may be forwarded to me by e-mail at [kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca](mailto:kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca) (parents may assist with this step). When entering your submission, please provide your name, a phone number or e-mail address (so you may be contacted if you win), and indicate the category (grade level) for your entry. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 11, 2025.

Contest winners (and photos of their artworks) will be announced on my Facebook page (/KyleSeeback) on November 13, 2025. All four winners will be notified by my office and to make arrangements for collecting their prizes.

Primary and Junior Level prize winners will each receive a pair of mittens with a large felt Poppy appearing on the front. Intermediate and Senior Level prize winners will each receive a water bottle with a Poppy motif. All prizes have been purchased from The Royal Canadian Legion's The Poppy Store.



### 2025 POPPY CAMPAIGN

**When we wear a Poppy, it's one small, but important way we can show our gratitude and honour those who've served Canada.**

Each year, Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Canadian cities, towns, and communities, including here in Dufferin-Caledon, organize the Poppy Campaign.

Legionnaires volunteer their time to support their local Legion Branches with the campaign. This year's campaign will run from October 31 to November 11.

**Poppies are free to anyone who wishes to wear one; however, our local Legion Branches greatly appreciate any donations to the Poppy Fund.** The funds raised during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the Branch level. When you make a donation to the Poppy Fund, you can know **you're directly supporting Veterans and their families within our community**, as well as the vitally important work the Legions perform throughout the year.

**Let's show how much our Veterans, and their sacrifices, mean to each of us by wearing a Poppy.**

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**FEEDING THE COMMUNITY:** Sandra Gallagher (centre), and members of Shelburne's Food for You initiative, volunteer their time to prepare home-cooked meals every Wednesday for those in need, and offer seating in the Church if guests wish to eat together. The volunteers show what they made for patrons on Wednesday, Nov. 5. See Page 12 for full story.

## Community meeting demonstrates disconnect between Strada and residents

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local expert sounded the alarm about the proposed Strada Melancthon quarry project during a meeting at Horning Mills Community Hall on Nov. 4, warning a group of about 40 residents of the potentially destructive impact it could have.

The proposed quarry has recently attracted significant attention, as Strada continues to push ahead with plans that hydrogeology research expert Garry Hunter said are untheoretical from reality.

"This site plan works in the virtual model just fine, but it cannot work in the real world," he said. "They have not looked into or recognized the geotechnical restrictions. They don't understand the technical details of this quarry, which will be almost twice as deep as any other quarry in the Niagara Escarpment landform."

This proposed quarry will cut straight through an underground stream bringing

water to Horning's Mill, which is essential to the town's wells.

Hunter continued by saying that Strada is seemingly unaware of the rock compositions beneath the surface, including an aquatard in the middle of the dig, which has a composition that severely restricts water flow that normally follows the subterranean stream to Horning's Mills.

That water, he said, will now be redirected into farmers' fields and other areas, causing flooding.

"They're underestimating water flow with all their modeling," he said. "Their designs will result in a reduction of water flow to Horning's Mills by up to 50 per cent."

Alongside the water issue, there are stability problems from the quarry, Hunter said. He noted that the current model will not withstand the environment, and digging as deep as they plan could lead to structural failure of the quarry's walls.

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JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**SHARING HIS FINDINGS:** A speaker at the Nov. 4 meeting at Horning Mills Community Hall discusses his concerns with Strada Aggregates proposal to quarry below the water table in Melancthon. Around 40 people attended the meeting to hear from local experts about the possible impacts of Strada's proposal.

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# Coats for Dufferin returns for the 2025 winter season

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Recognizing the growing need for warm, dependable outdoor apparel in the community, Coats for Dufferin is preparing for another year of giving back.

Originally a program for kids in schools, founder Jacqueline Clement realized the scope of the deficit was far larger than she first expected.

"I originally started this initiative during COVID just as we were starting to go back to normal," she said. "I originally saw a huge need in schools, and that's where it began. But then I saw refugees and immigrants coming here from Ukraine or South Africa, for example, and they're obviously not prepared; they came here with basically what they could carry. Yes, there's other thrift shops, but saving those extra few bucks makes a difference for them."

Over time, seeing that adults were just as much in need as kids, the initiative morphed into Coats for Dufferin. With demand

increasing every year, Clement said there has not been a season when they have had a single item left over. Everything was gone. As a result, the program has continued to expand each year.

Clement made sure to shout out the amazing work her team has put in to make sure that Coats for Dufferin is a success each year.

"I need to mention my colleagues," she said. "Jessica Menard and Sarah DeBoer. They run the Orangeville operation for me while I handle Shelburne. This is also the first year we've taken on volunteers, so we now also have student volunteers and adult volunteers throughout the community."

The program is very straightforward. They accept donations of new or slightly used winter wear, including hats, jackets, and gloves – anything that can help protect from the elements. They're then cleaned, if needed, and put on display at locations in Orangeville and Shelburne for anyone to take if needed.

An important factor, Clement said, was

preserving clients' dignity. Everyone who comes can take whatever they need. No judgment, no questions asked.

"There's an important dignity factor to it," she said. "People have asked us over the years, 'how do you make sure you're monitoring people not coming in and taking more than one item, or resell them elsewhere?'"

"I tell them I don't care. I don't care if they come by to give something to a friend; if they need the money so badly, they're selling it, then go for it. There's no cost to take any of our items; they're all donated to help the community."

For those who might need a little bit of extra help, Coats for Dufferin has special assistance available. If you're looking for a particular item or perhaps a rare size, you can fill out a private form, and the volunteers at Coats for Dufferin will try to find items that are close to your requirements and prepare them for you.

"For example, we've had people going for job interviews, and they might need something a little more fancy," Clement said.

"That's not a problem, we will try to sift through the donations and find what they need. That includes odd sizes that are hard to get. We will absolutely take requests."

Coats for Dufferin remains open for everyone, and no matter the struggle or need, Clement encourages anyone who needs clothing to come out. The initiative has already begun collecting items and will be open for drop-offs for the rest of November.

Locations where the coats can be accessed include the Edelbrock Centre in Orangeville, open Nov. 6 to 30, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Shelburne's location is 134 James Street, open from Nov. 6 to 30, Monday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Orangeville Legion will have a pop-up close on Dec. 7, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information on Coats for Shelburne, and a complete list of all drop-off and pick-up locations, head to <https://linktr.ee/coatsfordufferin>.

# Horning's Mills Melancthon Quarry meeting demonstrates disconnect

Continued from Front

The quarry will also release more fine particles into the air, which will carry into communities around the area, such as Horning's Mills, Hunter noted.

This isn't the first time that a proposed quarry has threatened to potentially damage the water supply in the area. The proposed Highland Mega-Quarry in 2008 faced the same problems and was halted through efforts by local residents and the scientific community.

Nanci Malek, a resident of Melancthon Township, was part of that group that opposed the Highland Mega-Quarry, and she's opposing Strada's proposal as well. She penned an open letter, harshly critiquing the provincial government's lack of care for environmental impacts.

"Here in Melancthon, we already successfully stopped Seth Klarman's Highland Mega-Quarry; we stopped it due to the science," she said. "Science hasn't changed in all those years. Same aquifers, same karst drainage system, same science. Due to the Provincial Government's lack of environment and scientific understanding, they have deemed Ontario as an open extraction focus, removing the EA [Environmental Assessment] necessity from the ARA [Aggre-

gate Resources Act] process. This is disastrous."

"The Governments of Canada need to understand that the most precious resource we have is our water," Malek added.

She continued by criticizing what she described as Strada's dishonest behavior. She said that Strada had made agreements in the past to respect studies conducted on the area, and not apply to build quarries if the results would be destructive to the environment.

Malek said they've broken their word. "Back in 2010, when I was a township councillor, and fighting the Mega Quarry, Strada sat in our chambers and promised they would never dig below the water table," she said. "They lied. Here we are in 2025, and they wonder why the community doesn't trust them."

Both Hunter and Malek said that the aquifers in the area will affect more than just local townships if they are disrupted. The aquifers in the Melancthon area feed into five river systems: The Grand, the Pine, the Nottawasaga, the Noisy, the Boyne, and the Credit. If these systems were adversely damaged, it could impact millions of Ontario residents.

The controversy has attracted the attention of federal lawmakers, as Duffer-

in-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has stepped in and penned an open letter to Strada, insisting that they provide more clarity on the quarry's environmental impact and its impact on towns in the area.

"Following my October 14th community town hall in Honeywood and numerous conversations with residents, local organizations, and grassroots advocacy groups, it's clear that many in our community still have serious, unanswered questions about your proposed quarry project," he said. "Before the close of public consultation on November 10th, I am formally requesting that Strada provide clear, public responses to the following questions."

"These concerns come directly from residents, technical experts, and community organizations who have engaged extensively in this process," Seeback added.

He challenged a number of environmental concerns about the quarry and questioned why Strada's application did not include Fisheries Population and Impact Studies or any plans to protect Brook Trout and other fish populations.

He also asked what benefits this quarry would bring to the area, if any. He inquired about local jobs and how the quarry's trucks would impact local roads, including the ongoing bottleneck passing through

Shelburne.

"It's clear to me there are still many serious, unanswered questions about Strada's quarry proposal. These range from the environmental and hydrological implications of the project to its impact on transportation, infrastructure, air quality, noise, and wildlife, to name just a few," said Seeback. "Dufferin-Caledon deserves complete and transparent answers."

He noted that the community has held up its end of communication and urges Strada to do the same.

"Residents of Dufferin-Caledon have engaged in good faith to understand the implications of this project," Seeback said. "It is now Strada's responsibility to match that good faith with full transparency and accountability."

Despite the volume of pushback and concerns from local residents and lawmakers, the quarry has continued with its application. This is in the face of a consultation period in which residents and experts have highlighted a myriad of problems.

For local residents looking to express their opinions on the proposed quarry, [ARAapprovals@ontario.ca](mailto:ARAapprovals@ontario.ca) and [ARAcments@ontario.ca](mailto:ARAcments@ontario.ca) can be used to send letters, comments, or concerns.

Commenting closes on Monday, Nov. 10.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Branch 220 Shelburne Legion

203 William Street, Shelburne

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9:30am at Branch

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# OPINION

## Mother Nature

I was watching a YouTube video a few years ago filmed by a bunch of college 'frat boys' in the US.

They were in Florida on vacation as a hurricane was approaching, and they were staying at a multi-level hotel near the beach.

Most local citizens with any common sense battened down the hatches at home, loaded up the car, and beat it out of there before the storm made landfall.

The frat boys, however, were looking forward to experiencing a full-blown hurricane. There was a lot of bravado among the fellas.

There was a lot of boasting like, "We're going to ride out the storm, man!" And, "Yeah, man, we're waiting for the hurricane dudes!"

The video then cut to the next day, when the storm was pounding the Florida coast.

Two of the frat boys were crying in their hotel room like three-year-old girls who had been stung by bees. The guy filming turned his camera on a stairwell where the storm surge was flooding the second floor of the hotel, and rising.

He didn't say much – obviously, he was

scared to death. However, he did make some kind of comment about them making a serious mistake by underestimating the power of a hurricane and by not evacuating when they had a chance.

The guys realized the hotel may be in danger of collapse due to the flood waters, and they were now all in danger of being swept out to sea and drowning.

Jamaica was recently hammered by Hurricane Melissa. You are in a serious situation when you are on an island, the airports have been closed, and a serious storm is approaching.

It was one of the strongest storms ever recorded in the region.

The island nation has been heavily damaged, but fortunately, there has not been a large loss of life.

When it comes to natural disasters, we are lucky to live in an area where catastrophic natural disasters are rare.

The wildfires of last summer were serious, but caused no loss of life.

Ontario has around 20 tornadoes every year. However, most of them occur in unpopulated areas with no loss of life. Although the Grand Valley-Barrie tornado of 1985 did cause loss of life and wide-

spread damage.

Many people are still traumatized by what happened that day.

I have been involved in a few natural disasters.

During my final year in high school, our travel club went to Mexico City. The second night we were there, a powerful earthquake had our hotel swaying back and forth.

People were running through the halls and screaming. There were aftershocks for the rest of the week.

In 1997, I was in my office in a large distribution centre in Toronto. A storm was raging outside.

I was speaking to someone on the phone when the storm suddenly became loud and sounded like it was blowing through the building.

A moment later, one of the guys from the floor burst into my office, yelling that we had lost the roof.

I stepped out of my office and looked up at the night sky. The roof had been ripped off, and it was now raining in the building.

Fortunately, there were no injuries.

A few years ago, we had pretty serious flooding in the local region. I drove

my truck up a familiar concession road to take photos of the flooding. I knew the spot because I had been recording beavers building a dam in the creek.

The fields were flooded, and the road was covered in around six inches of water for about half a mile.

I took a chance and drove my truck through the water to a high point by the bridge.

I was surprised to see that the creek's level had risen by eight to 10 feet. The water was close to flowing over the bridge.

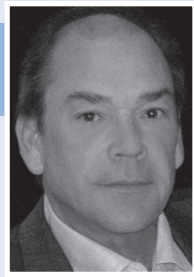
As I was taking photos, a truck approached. It was a Town truck, and the driver asked if I lived on the road. I told him I was taking photos of the flooding.

He warned me that the river had just breached its banks near Highway 9, and all that water would be here in about 30 minutes.

I thanked him for the information and got out there really quickly.

Natural disasters can occur at any time. It's always best to make a plan and be prepared for any disaster.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Denmark vs. the shadow fleet

Back in the 16th and 17th centuries, two-thirds of the Danish kingdom's income came from taxes paid by every ship passing through the Øresund strait ('The Sound'), the only exit from the Baltic Sea. Each ship had to declare the value of its cargo – and if the Danes thought they were understating it, Denmark had the right to buy the entire cargo at the declared value.

The Danes don't do that anymore, but they still don't like to be jerked around. They were quite cross when unidentified drones forced them to shut down their airports on several occasions late last month, and Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said that Russian involvement could not be ruled out.

She was being diplomatic. That was the week when Russian drones also violated Polish and Romanian airspace. Frederiksen had good reason to suspect that the drones harassing Denmark were coming from a Russian-chartered ship off the Danish coast, so she or one of her aides

came up with a devastating response.

This week Royal Danish Navy ships began stopping and checking ships in the Øresund strait. Not just any ships. Old oil tankers flying flags of convenience from low-rent countries that are heading for the North Sea and thence into the open Atlantic. Ships that belong to the 'shadow fleet' transporting sanctioned Russian oil to India, China, and other Asian countries.

Fossil fuel sales account for between 30% and 50% of the Russian government's budget revenue. Two-thirds of the country's gas and oil is exported, and most of the exports used to go to Europe – until Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022. International sanctions then stopped most European sales, but Russia cut its prices and found new markets in China and India.

The problem was that while there were lots of pipelines connecting Russia and Europe, there were no oil pipelines and only one gas pipeline between the oil-

fields of northwest Russia and the new customers in Asia. Almost all of Russia's fossil fuel exports now had to go by sea – 14,000 nautical miles from, say, Kaliningrad in the eastern Baltic to Qingdao in China.

To make matters worse, the sanctions regime makes it hard for Russia to charter ships from legitimate shipping companies and buy insurance for them. Instead, it has built a 'shadow fleet' of almost a thousand elderly oil tankers (average age about 20 years) most of which would otherwise be on their way to the ship-breakers yards.

Their flags may change weekly, as may their names. Their insurance cover, if any, is dodgy, and their documents certainly do not say that they are carrying Russian oil. Their crews are multinational, with few or no Russians. Some transfer oil to other ships in mid-Atlantic; others go the full distance in the same ship.

It's a more expensive way of doing business and there are more accidents, but until recently Russian oil and gas exports were holding up fairly well. Oil income was down because Russian sales are heavily discounted, but there was enough money coming in to pay for the war and still keep the civilians contented (or at least quiet).

But now Denmark is stopping some of these 'shadow' ships in the strait and boarding them. "These old ships pose a particular risk to our marine environment. That's why we are tightening con-

trols with very basic environmental rules," explained Environment Minister Magnus Heunicke, but it's really a legal excuse to stop them and get on board.

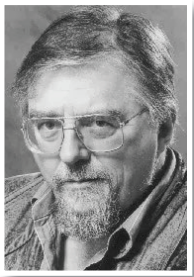
Then the Danish inspectors can examine the fake documents, discover safety issues, note the absent or inadequate insurance, and delay the ships or even detain them. Denmark only has so many inspectors so not every ship of the shadow fleet is being stopped yet, but the number will grow. Russia's oil income is under serious threat for the first time.

And in just a little while the big oil terminals in Russia that pump the oil onto the ghost ships will be coming under direct attack. Ukraine doesn't have to wait for Donald Trump to sell it Tomahawk missiles (indirectly, through NATO). Its new Flamingo missiles have the range to hit all three of the main terminals: Primorsk, Ust-Luga, and Novorossiysk.

They are less accurate than Tomahawks, but their warheads are twice as big and they are coming into high-volume production so they can overwhelm Russian air defences with swarm tactics.

Ukrainian strikes on refineries and pipelines are already causing fuel shortages in Russia, but these new approaches will actually damage the whole economy. No single new weapon or tactic can decide the outcome of a war of attrition, but the odds are moving in Ukraine's favour.

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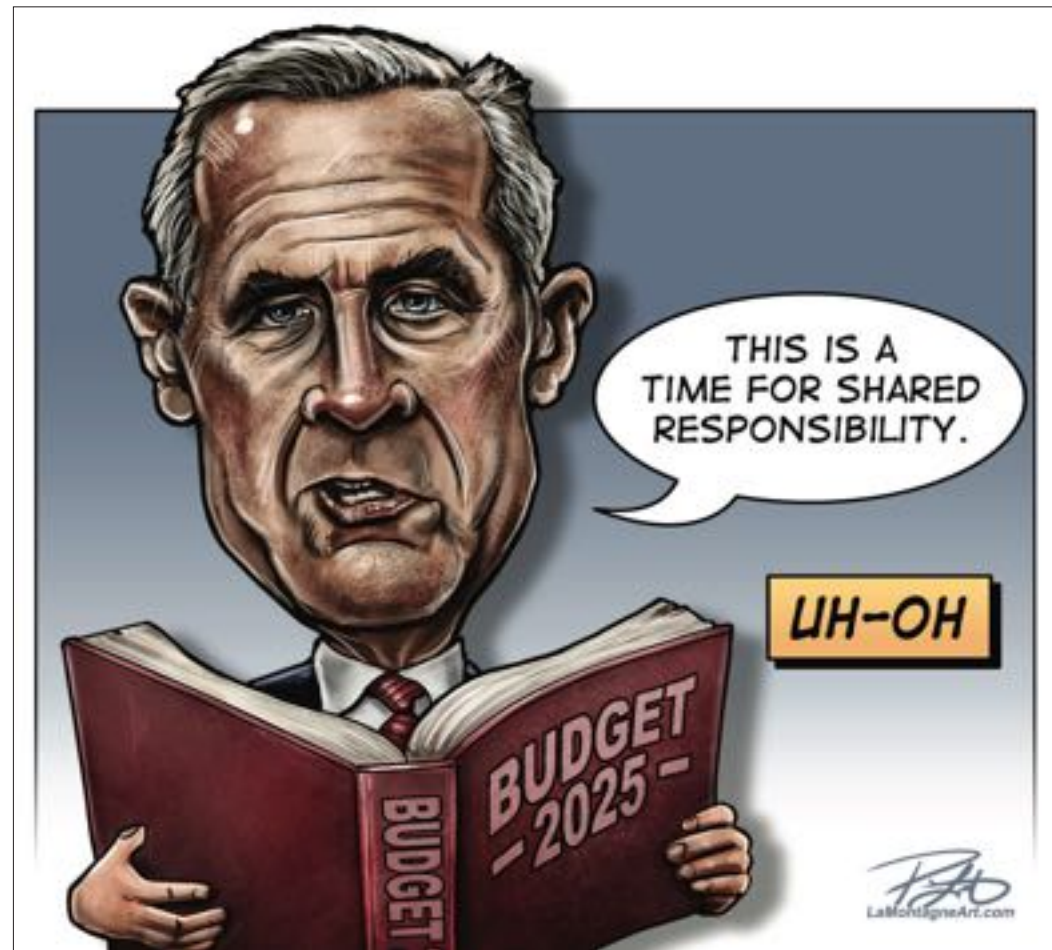
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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Monthly Message: Shelburne Food Bank gala aimed at offsetting rising costs and demand

The Annual Hunger Count has just been released. To the surprise of no one who volunteers at the Shelburne Food Bank, it is again reporting record numbers and an increase in usage numbers for the eighth consecutive year.

Over 2 million people in Canada visit a food bank each month. Behind every food bank visit is a story. A parent skipping meals so their kids can eat. A senior choosing between medication and groceries. A worker juggling multiple jobs and still coming up short at the end of each month.

This is Canada's new normal. Many people think the government funds



food banks. This is not so. As an all-volunteer non-profit, the food bank receives all its money from donations, aside from potential grants for one-time infrastructure items and a yearly municipal grant. As the cost of food and the number of users both increase, the food bank has had to look at other potential ways to raise funds.

Teaming up with the Rotary Club of Shelburne last year, the Nutcracker Gala was planned to help with the fundraising efforts of the new food rescue van.

Held at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club, it was an exciting and remarkable night, filled with delicious food, wonderful entertainment, and a very lively silent and live auction. It was such a hit with those who attended that when the idea of holding it again in 2025 was 'floated out', 80 per cent of the seats were spoken for by mid-July, and it was another sold-out event before it was advertised.

Many local businesses and individuals have

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We are looking forward to another great Nutcracker Gala on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club to kick off the holiday in support of a great cause.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Outstanding questions from the community

To the representatives of Strada Aggregates,

Following my Oct. 14 Community Town Hall in Honeywood and numerous conversations with residents, local organizations, and grassroots advocacy groups, it's clear that many in our community still have serious, unanswered questions about your proposed quarry project.

Before the close of public consultation on Nov. 10, I am formally requesting that Strada provide clear, public responses to the following questions. These concerns come directly from residents, technical experts, and community organizations who have engaged extensively in this process.

I will not be in a position to offer any support for this project until these matters are addressed transparently and substantively.

Environmental and Hydrological Concerns

1. How does Strada plan to address findings from its own integrated transient modelling that predict reductions in the Pine River headwater tributary stream flows of 20-35 per cent at Horning's Mills?

2. How will Strada reconcile the apparent underestimation — by more than two times — of dry-weather streamflow at Horning's Mills within its integrated Groundwater Model?

3. Why did the application not include Fish-

eries Population and Impact Studies or consideration of the historical fish hatchery and culture context?

4. Should the application be approved as submitted on September 18, 2025, what mitigation plans does Strada have for protecting Brook Trout and other fish populations?

5. Why did the submission omit detailed data on absolute changes in transient wetland flows, and on water-quantity and water-quality characterizations for each quarry phase?

6. Why has Strada withheld data in its possession—such as Model Virtual Transient Flows (monthly), streamflow monitoring results, private well data, and the Community WELLness Survey—despite repeated community requests?

7. How will Strada address the deficiencies identified in its groundwater model, including the absence of unmitigated worst-case scenarios and lack of groundwater quality (nitrates) treatment scenarios?

**Community and Economic Considerations**

8. What tangible benefits does Strada commit to delivering to the local community should the quarry be approved—number of local jobs, community investments, or other measurable contributions?

9. Has Strada studied the potential impact on wetlands within Ontario's Greenbelt?

10. How often will Strada test for water

contaminants, and what specific notification and remediation protocols will be followed if contaminants are detected?

11. Given that the site lies within a highly vulnerable aquifer area, has Strada provided comprehensive documentation confirming there will be no negative effects on groundwater quantity or quality, as required by the local Official Plan?

**Transportation and Infrastructure**

12. Can Strada confirm that the operation will result in 65 gravel trucks per hour in one direction (130 total) on local roads, and did its Traffic Impact Study account for this volume?

13. Why does the Traffic Impact Study not extend to the traffic bottleneck in Shelburne?

14. What is Strada's long-term plan for the site once aggregate extraction concludes? Residential and Agricultural Impacts

15. What assurances can Strada provide that quarry operations will not compromise private wells—both those of participating and non-participating landowners—and that any impacted wells will be restored or replaced at Strada's expense?

16. If a water source must be replaced, how will reme-

dial actions be selected and communicated to the landowner? Will all Schedule C options be offered, including water transport and storage solutions?

17. Has Strada consulted with the Niagara Escarpment Commission or local conservation authorities?

**Air Quality, Noise, and Wildlife**

18. Beyond standard Ministry of Natural Resources requirements, what air-quality studies (including dust, silica, and particulate impacts) has Strada conducted on local agriculture, water, animals, and residents?

19. Has Strada identified the air-quality radius of influence (e.g., two kilometres) and what on-site measures will be used to reduce dust?

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# Volunteer Dufferin showcases local opportunities at annual volunteer fair

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local charities and community groups are always looking for volunteers, and on Oct. 22, they gathered at the Edlebrock Center in Orangeville to find community-centered volunteers.

Led by Volunteer Dufferin, the day was an opportunity for those looking to volunteer

their time and for those seeking volunteers to meet, exchange contact information, network, and sign up.

The group had just gone through a rebrand aimed at streamlining its processes, according to co-coordinator Jennifer Payne.

“We’ve been around for a while, and we used to be run wholly by volunteers ourselves,” she said. “But just in the past year, we’ve launched a reboot of the portal itself.”

The organizations had a wide variety in what they were looking for and offering, ranging from wildlife and outdoor conservation groups to senior care and child support and care. The volunteer fair was an open forum for everyone.

Volunteer Dufferin’s role is to provide a bridge between volunteers and potential roles in the community. They will help pair volunteers with roles that best suit their skill set or interests, and connect them with like-minded organizations.

Payne said that what people think about volunteering might not reflect the reality of it today. There are a plethora of new types of volunteering.

“Volunteering can look like a lot of different things,” she said. “It’s not just showing up for a shift; it could include serving on a board of directors, or volunteering just for an event, one time, easy peasy.”

“There’s a growing movement of micro volunteering, which is one-off little projects, maybe just hanging some posters around

town, but also participating in focus groups or completing a survey or joining an advisory Team,” Payne added.

This was reflected in all the groups present at the volunteer fair.

Sunny Bhogal represented the Orangeville Lions Club.

Originally established in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, the Lions Club runs and supports charitable programs, such as SightFirst, which supports the blind. They also run disability programs and coordinate international donations to support humanitarian projects.

Bhogal said they are looking to highlight the critical importance of volunteer work and seek new potential members.

“We’re finding that a lot of people aren’t making time for volunteering, so this event is all about getting more community outreach,” he said. “It’s important for us to come out and show the importance of volunteering and why the Lions Club has been doing what it’s doing for so long. It’s so important for everybody to give a little bit of their time back to the community.”

Situated not far from the Lions Club table was Caledon Meals on Wheels.

Established in 1984, Caledon Meals on Wheels provides volunteer-driven programs for seniors and people with disabilities. They run programs designed to get seniors moving and engaged, and offer visiting services so seniors are less isolated, wherever they live.

Maureen Chilko, program and volunteer services supervisor, said they are actively seeking volunteer drivers and visitation volunteers.

“We’re always looking for volunteers to help deliver our hot and fresh meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and there’s also friendly visiting opportunities to support clients with mobility issues,” she said. “Some of our clients aren’t able to get out to activities, and senior social wellness programming can help to get seniors moving and socializing. We want to get them spending time with their community.”

For those looking to use their administrative experience in a volunteer capacity, the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County may have opportunities available. Lauren Culver, manager of fund development and representing the charity, said that they have officer and support roles that need to be filled.

“We have various volunteer op-



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**WE SERVE:** A member of the Orangeville Lions Club spoke to attendees of Volunteer Dufferin’s annual volunteer fair on Oct. 22 and encouraged them to join the Lions.

portunities available,” she said. “One would be an office assistant, who would help us out with stuff around our office space. Another would be education support. They would go out into the community with our education coordinator, and talk to community leaders about dementia.”

From Orangeville to the wider Dufferin County, volunteer groups are seeking a variety of roles and are offering unique opportunities to expand skill sets and connections, all while serving the community.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, head to <https://www.volunteerdufferin.ca/>.



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**MENTORING YOUTH:** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District shared information with attendees of Volunteer Dufferin’s annual volunteer fair on Oct. 22.

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**NATURE LOVERS:** Members of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club spoke with people who might be interested in joining the club during Volunteer Dufferin’s annual volunteer fair on Oct. 22.



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# Dufferin Muslim Centre celebrates Islamic Heritage Month in Shelburne

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
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October was Islamic Heritage Month, a time to remember and celebrate the legacy of Muslim Canadians across the country.

To celebrate, the Dufferin Muslim Centre hosted a community event held at Jack Downing Park in Shelburne.

The event recognized not just the history, culture, and contributions of Muslims in Canada but also around the world. Organizers from the Dufferin Muslim Centre extended their thanks to the Town of Shelburne for their continued support and for being present to demonstrate it.

They also extended thanks to the Government of Canada for continuing to recognize October as Islamic Heritage Month.

“On behalf of the management of Dufferin Muslim Centre, we would like to convey sincerest appreciation to Canada for designating October as ‘Canadian Islamic Heritage Month,’ the DMC said. “As we celebrate the rich history, culture and contributions of Muslims, we would like to recognize Muslim Canadians in Shelburne. We are committed to building bridges of mutual understanding, respect and unity in our community.”

The DMC’s theme for the event, recognizing the month, was Faith, Knowledge, and Unity. In the park, a number of displays were set up, each focusing on the legacy of Muslim scholars and their messages of compas-

sion, learning, and unity, which can be found in the teachings of all Prophets within the Muslim faith.

“We highlighted the shared message of the prophets about the oneness of God and the importance of compassion and justice,” said Irfani Shah Mubeen of the Dufferin Muslim Centre. “We also showcased the contributions of early Muslim scholars like Al-Khwarizmi, Ibn Al-Haytham, and Al-Zahrabi, who laid the groundwork for modern science and medicine. It was a way to connect our faith’s deep respect for learning with the values we live by today.”

This is a strong message in opposition to the discord the DMC said it has observed in the last year. Religious tensions across Canada have been more visible, according to the DMC, as have been examples of racism and hate.

They said that Muslims, especially, have been targeted.

The DMC wants to highlight the achievements of Muslims in Canada, including their legacies in the arts, sports, academics, sciences, and literature, among other areas.

“We must acknowledge the ongoing challenges and barriers that Muslim Canadians face,” the DMC said. “This year has been difficult for Muslim communities across Canada, as we saw the horrific results of racism and hate.”

They followed with a call to action. “Together, we must combat all forms of



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**CELEBRATING ISLAMIC HERITAGE:** Members of the Dufferin Muslim Centre set up a table at Jack Downing Park on Oct. 29, where they educated residents and distributed information about their Islamic faith in celebration of Islamic Heritage Month.

discrimination, Islamophobia, and hate-fueled violence directed at Muslim communities across the country,” the DMC said. “This month is a time to continue working toward a compassionate, inclusive, and safer Canada for everyone.”

The DMC is a relatively new organization in the area, founded only three years ago in 2022. Their mission is to serve the growing Muslim community in Shelburne and nearby towns and to create a welcoming space where people can come together for prayer, learning, and community service.

They also try to stay active in the commu-

nity, hosting and supporting events around town.

“From food drives and open houses to youth programs and interfaith sessions, we work to promote compassion and unity,” said Shah Mubeen. “Events like our Islamic History Month celebration are open to everyone; they’re about sharing knowledge, breaking barriers, and celebrating what we all have in common.”

For more information on Canadian Islamic Heritage Month and the Dufferin Muslim Centre, visit the website at <https://dufferin-muslimcentre.ca/>.

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## Seeback criticizes 2025 federal budget

Written By SAM ODROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Government of Canada, under Prime Minister Mark Carney, tabled its 2025 budget on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The budget includes \$141 billion in new spending, offset by roughly \$51 billion in cuts. The deficit comes in at \$78 billion, nearly twice the Liberals’ projection in their most recent fiscal update. During the 2024 Fall Economic Statement, the Liberals projected the federal deficit for 2025-26 spending to be \$42.2 billion.

Cuts in this year’s budget include about 40,000 public service jobs.

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who represents the Conservative Party as Shadow Minister for Labour, didn’t mince words when discussing the 2025 federal budget.

“The Liberals’ 2025 Budget delivers the largest [non-pandemic] deficit in Canadian history at \$78 billion. That means higher inflation and a higher cost of living for everyone,” said MP Seeback in a statement issued on Nov. 5.

“There’s nothing in this budget to make homes affordable or life easier for working families. It grows government, adds another bureaucracy, and pushes ahead with an EV mandate that hurts Ontario auto workers.”

MP Seeback said his party has called for bringing down the deficit and ending what he calls the “inflation tax” by reining in government spending.

He also suggested scrapping “hidden taxes” on food and fuel, including the industrial carbon tax, noting that these policies drive up the cost of steel, packaging, transportation, and everything Canadians buy. Seeback added that the federal government’s fuel standard tax adds 17 cents a litre to diesel and gas.

“Canadians work hard. Their government should too. Spend responsibly, keep costs down, and make life more affordable,” MP Seeback said. “Reluctantly, I will be voting against this budget.”

Debate on the budget will take place on Nov. 5, 6, 7, and 17 in the House of Commons.

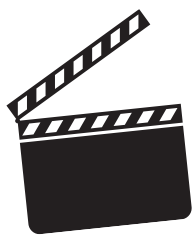
The official vote on the budget is set for Nov. 17.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS



### LP Productions Youth take the stage with Singin' in the Rain

Local theatre group, LP Productions, is proud to present its upcoming youth production of *Singin' in the Rain*, running Nov. 21 to 30, at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne.

Featuring a talented cast of 36 young performers aged seven to 16, this musical classic brings the glitz and charm of Hollywood's Golden Age to life with iconic songs, lively tap numbers, and plenty of laughter.

"We chose *Singin' in the Rain* because it's an era we really love," says Alison Port, one of the two founders of LP Productions. "The music is fun and catchy, the stories are simple, funny, and romantic and it all ends with a happy ending. It's the perfect show to bring to life with our young cast."

This production gives LP's young members the chance to learn more advanced choreography, including tap dancing, while exploring the history behind early Hollywood.

"We like to weave education into the rehearsal process," says Port. "We talk about what life was like in those times, when movies had no sound, the first 'talkies,' and how silent film stars had to adapt."

The creative team includes Hailey Sargeant as music director, Kristen Gamache as choreographer, and Danielle Gamache

as stage manager. Sargeant, who has performed with LP Productions since she was six, takes over from former music director Mia Jin, now studying musical theatre at the University of Windsor.

After last season's large-scale production of *The Little Mermaid*, the team has chosen to keep the *Singin' in the Rain* set minimal, letting "the story, songs, and dances speak for themselves."

Live theatre has always been at the heart of LP Productions' mission. They are dedicated to building confidence, teamwork, and creativity in young people.

"Not all of our kids are interested in sports, but here they can perform, sing, act, and dance while making friends and building confidence," says Port. "It encourages even the shyest child to transform into whoever they want to be."

Many LP alumni have gone on to pursue careers in the arts, both on stage and behind the scenes as lighting and sound crew, set builders, costume designers, and directors.

"If we don't support opportunities like this for kids, they don't get a fair start," Port adds. "The community can help by attending shows and keeping live theatre alive."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**CAST & CREW:** LP Productions cast for its upcoming production of *Singin' in the Rain* are eagerly preparing to take it to Grace Tipling Hall from Nov. 21 to 30. The cast consists of 36 actors, ages 7 to 16.

Audiences can look forward to a joyful, nostalgic evening that celebrates imagination, music, and the timeless magic of live performance.

*Singin' in the Rain* runs Nov. 21 to 30, at Grace Tipling Hall.

For tickets and showtimes, please visit Eventbrite.ca.

### Calling all animal lovers: Procyon Wildlife to host action-packed fundraising gala

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

Procyon Wildlife, a not-for-profit organization that cares for wild animals in the region, is holding its third annual fundraising gala at the end of the month.

The gala runs on Nov. 29, 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Caesar's Centre, Bolton, with dinner, auctions, a 50/50 draw, speeches, comedy, live music, and dancing.

Based out of Beeton, Procyon Wildlife supports the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured, sick, and orphaned animals across a 50-kilometre radius, which includes Orangeville, Shelburne, Caledon, and New Tecumseth.

"Every animal that comes through our doors has a story, and each one deserves a second chance. Fundraising events like our gala make that possible. The support we receive from our community allows us to provide the medical care, nutrition, and [a] safe environment that injured and orphaned wildlife need to heal and return to the wild," said Angela van Breemen of Procyon Wildlife.

Each year, the organization treats hundreds of animals injured by vehicles, displacement, habitat loss, or those that are orphaned due to the loss of their parents.

"The gala is a vital fundraiser that helps cover the significant costs of food, housing, and medical care for these animals," reads a press release from Procyon Wildlife.

The gala will feature comedians Kelly Zennickis and Desirée Walsh, who will be entertaining attendees with their stand-up routines.

"Desirée, a comedian with cerebral palsy, traded her early mornings as a competitive swimmer for nights on stage, performing across Canada and appearing on Breakfast Television, the Reel Abilities Film Festival Comedy Night, and ALTDot Comedy Lounge," reads Procyon's press release.

"Kelly, a Toronto-based comedian who began her stand-up career at the age of 37, has performed across North America and been featured in major comedy festivals including Boston, Burbank, and Laugh Riot Grrrl. Together, these talented performers promise an evening filled with laughter, warmth, and connection."

As well, wildlife artist Sarah McComb-Turbitt, known for her lifelike animal portraits, will be painting Procyon's red-tailed hawk, "Rusty," on a canvas during the gala. The finished piece will be sold during a live auction later in the evening.

To cap off the gala, Tottenham-based band DazeGoneBy will perform live, offering a fun opportunity to dance to their rock-and-roll sound.

It's been a busy year at Procyon Wildlife, and there is a constant need to raise funds to support its work year-round.

"[Our wildlife] centre has completed major renovations, including a fully finished office and a beautiful new reception area for admissions. The site now features a charming on-site gift shop, with even more merchandise coming soon to its online store," reads Procyon Wildlife's press release.

"The expanded education room provides additional space for hosting community groups, school visits, and volunteer training sessions. Most exciting of all, the new medi-

cal triage room is up and running, giving the team improved facilities to care for injured and orphaned animals."

Tickets to the gala are \$185 per person and include a \$50 charitable receipt.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting [canadahelps.org/en/charities/procyon-wildlife-rehabilitation-and-education-centre/events/3rd-annual-procyon-wildlife-fundraising-gala](http://canadahelps.org/en/charities/procyon-wildlife-rehabilitation-and-education-centre/events/3rd-annual-procyon-wildlife-fundraising-gala) and following the instructions on the page.

To sponsor or donate, contact Procyon at [procyonfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:procyonfundraising@gmail.com).

Donations are also accepted via e-transfer at [debras@procyonwildlife.com](mailto:debras@procyonwildlife.com).

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# SPORTS

## Royals senior girls' basketball season ends in semi-final match

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals senior girls' basketball team completed their 2025 season with a semi-final game against the Emmanuel Christian High School (ECHS) Eagles on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The game took place in the gym at ECHS in Fergus.

After a good season that saw the Royals finish third with a 6-4 record, the teams moved into the District 4 playoffs. The Royals averaged 22 points per game this year.

ECHS entered the semi-final game as the second-place team with a 9-1 record.

Norwell District Secondary School and Wellington Heights Secondary School failed to secure a playoff berth this year.

In the semi-final, ECHS took an early lead. At the half, they were ahead 22-8.

The third quarter saw the Royals come out strong and look like a well-disciplined squad; however, they could not close the scoring gap.

At the end of the third quarter, the Royals were trailing 37-16.

The Royals' defence put out a good effort in the final quarter, slowing down the Eagles and keeping them out of shooting range.

When the final buzzer sounded, ECHS left

the court with a 45-23 win.

"We had a lot of growth on the team this season," said Royals point guard Teá Bosiljevack after the semi-final game. "We played good throughout the season. In today's game, I think the first half was pretty rough. I think we need to work a little on our communication. It was also our first time doing a full-court press, and I think that worked pretty well. We adjusted things for that on the court. We did better in the second half. All of the starters had been on the court for the full first half, so we were better after having a break."

In the other District 4 senior girls' semi-final game, Westside Secondary School defeated Erin District High School 43-24.

Westside and Emmanuel Christian will now go on to play for the District 4 senior girls' championship.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**SOLID EFFORT:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls' basketball team takes on the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles in the gym at ECHS in Fergus during a District 4 semi-final playoff game. The Royals lost 45-23 and are now done for the season. Royals point guard, Teá Bosiljevack, takes the ball into the Eagles' zone during the second quarter of the game.



## Jays-Dodgers World Series results in cancellation of Junior C Hockey games

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was an unusual weekend for Junior C hockey across the province when fans and league executives decided that the World Series trumped local hockey.

There was a noticeable drop in attendance during Junior C games on Friday, Oct. 24, when Game 1 of the Toronto Blue Jays-Los Angeles Dodgers World Series Championship was played.

Many fans were in the arena lounges, cheering on the Blue Jays rather than watching the hockey game.

When the World Series came down to the final couple of games, the decision was made to reschedule some hockey games so fans could watch the baseball series.

Game 6 of the World Series on Friday, Oct. 31, resulted in three hockey games being postponed.

When the series went to Game 7 on Saturday, Nov. 1, the league postponed 11 games across the province.

Now that the series is over, hockey attendance should return to its regular hometown game-night levels as fans can look forward to this year's PJHL league championships.

In the North Carruthers Division of the PJHL, the Alliston Hornets lead with an undefeated 13-0 record.

The only other undefeated team in the league this year is the Uxbridge Bruins of the East Orr Division, who also have a 13-0 record.

The Orillia Terriers are in second place in

the North Carruthers Division with a 10-3 record and 20 points.

In the third spot, the Stayner Siskins have a 9-5 record and 18 points.

They are followed by the Penetang Kings, Midland Flyers, and the Muskoka Bears,

who are separated by four points.

The Innisfil Spartans are in seventh place with nine points.

In the basement, the Huntsville Otters are struggling, winning four games after 11 times on the ice.



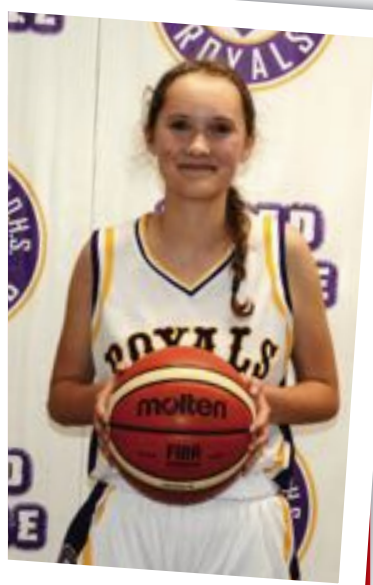
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**SEASON ENDER:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' volleyball team takes on the Westside Secondary School Thunder during the final volleyball tournament day held in the gym at Westside in Orangeville on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The Royals lost this match. They had a good season but failed to qualify for the playoffs this year.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**KALLYN WATERFIELD**

As a Grade 10 student, Kallyn Waterfield is stepping up and playing with the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' senior basketball team, where she is a valuable member of the squad.

"I like the people around the sport and I like how you can be aggressive but at the same time it's a calm sport where there are rules and you can't go past those rules," Kallyn said of why she likes playing basketball.

A well-rounded athlete who contributes to high school sports, Kallyn also plays softball, volleyball, rugby, and is a curler.

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# Offering hot meals to those in need

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Times have not been easy on Canadians, as evidenced by the sharp increase in food bank use across the country, but some community members are doing their part to help.

Enter Food For You, a weekly hot meal initiative operating right in the heart of Shelburne. Staffed entirely by volunteers, they are doing their part to combat food insecurity in the area.

Sandra Gallagher, one of the founders of the group, said it all started because of the need they saw in the community. Originally getting together in January of 2025, Food For You held its first dinner for residents in need on March 5 and has run every week since then.

"We're just a group of ladies that got together to fill a need in Shelburne," Gallagher said. "We wanted to bring people together and help them with food scarcity. We deal mostly in soups right now."

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., those in need of a hot meal can head over to the Trinity United Church. There are no reservations or sign-ups required; its doors are open to everyone. Guests are welcome to sit in or take the food to go, whichever is more comfortable.

Meals are also catered to specific needs, and include meat and vegetarian options.

"We don't always have all the options, but we try our best to have options available to everyone," Gallagher said. "So we do have some vegetarian options, like our soups. We keep them frozen so we can pull them out quickly if there's a need."

Ann McAlpine, another member of the team, said they work with the Shelburne Food Bank, offering free meals more frequently than the food bank can, providing them with some reprieve throughout the month.

"We do kind of work with the food bank,

we do try to give them a little relief when we can," Ann said. "We make sure people have access to a free meal when they can't go to the food bank because of the monthly allotment, which is totally understandable. We wanted to give people another option."

Gallagher said they've been seeing a steady increase in weekly users of Food For You, both sit-ins and take-outs. On average, they see 16 to 25 people every Wednesday, and that number continues to rise consistently.

Gallagher said, thankfully, they are able to meet this growing need thanks to generous donations and community support.

"We have a lot of donors that give to us," she said. "We have hot dogs tonight that came from the Rotary Club. We had [the] Shelburne Golf and Country Club provide us with soups, and our bread through the food bank. It's a big community effort to come together."

Currently, Food For You is looking to partner with local businesses to host food nights.

"We are starting to encourage people to maybe do a night, as a sponsorship," Gallagher said. "Something along the lines of them coming in and serving food, or making it with us, they'll be taking the lead for the night. Trillium Ford will actually be doing that in December."

In the meantime, McAlpine said that Food for You is continuing to request food, financial donations, and volunteers – anything helps. She also reiterated that everyone is welcome on Wednesdays.

"We are currently accepting dry and packaged goods, and if you'd like to volunteer, please contact us," McAlpine said. "It's a really enjoyable evening, the volunteers love doing it, the guests are appreciative. Our door is always open."

For more information about Food for You, including contact information, head to <https://shelburnerotaryclub.com/blog/soup-for-you/>



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KEEPING REMEMBRANCE ALIVE: The six women behind the Poppy Project, currently on display at the Museum of Dufferin, are, from left, Petra Thomas, Charlene Buckley, Anne Wildman, Lidia De Meo, Heidi Anzinter, and Stephanie Desaulniers.



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## Shelburne Library to hold bereavement workshop and book sale/silent auction

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### Upcoming events:

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Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (bidding ends at 3:30 p.m.) – Shelburne Public Library's Annual Silent Auction & Book Sale

### Recommended Read:

Not Quite Dead Yet by Holly Jackson: Thirty-six hours after being attacked, Jet wakes in the hospital to grim news that a

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Why Jade Recommends it: I'm going to preface this staff pick by saying it's a creepy thriller, perfect for this time of year, but you're going to have to suspend your disbelief while reading this one, starting on page one. Now that we have that out of the way, Jet is racing the clock to find out who her potential murderer is, and like in most thrillers, everyone in her immediate circle has a motive! Without giving much more away, it's a classic motive that comes out of left field, driving this one; you may see it coming, or you may not. If you've enjoyed any of Jeneva Rose's books (The Perfect Marriage, You Shouldn't Have Come Here, One of Us is Dead), you'll likely enjoy this one.

## Outstanding quarry questions from the community

### Continued from Page 5

20. What studies, if any, has Strada undertaken on the effects on amphibians and pollinators, and what were the findings?

21. What steps beyond the minimum ARA requirements will Strada take to reduce noise impacts for nearby residents?

### Property, Business, and Safety

22. How does Strada intend to respond if home foundations are damaged by blasting or shifts in the water table?

23. Has Strada evaluated the potential impact of the quarry on local businesses and employers?

24. Has Strada studied the potential effect of this project on land and home values, and what mitigation measures would it provide if negative effects are confirmed?

Residents of Dufferin-Caledon have engaged in good faith to understand the implications of this project. It is now Strada's responsibility to match that good faith with full transparency and accountability.

I urge Strada Aggregates to respond publicly to these questions prior to the close of the consultation period. Only with complete and accessible information can our community—and I as its Member of Parliament—fairly assess this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Seeback, M.P.  
Dufferin-Caledon

*Editor's Note: In a response to the Shelburne Free Press regarding MP Seeback's*

*letter, Strada said:*

"Strada Aggregates is committed to a thorough, transparent, and regulated review process under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA).

"The Melancthon Quarry application, submitted on September 18, 2025, is currently in the formal public consultation phase, with the comment period closing on November 10, 2025.

"All technical studies, modelling results, monitoring data, and proposed mitigation measures are contained within the application package. These documents have been publicly available since submission and were presented at our Open House, attended by residents, stakeholders, and technical experts.

"As outlined in the official ARA process, Strada will provide detailed, written responses to all questions and comments received during the consultation period following the close of the comment period. These responses will be submitted to the commentor and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"We respect the formal review process and will not circumvent it by addressing individual inquiries through the media. Doing so would undermine the integrity of the public and technical review framework established under the ARA.

"We encourage continued participation in the formal consultation process and thank the community for its engagement. For access to the full application and supporting studies, please visit the project website or contact the Ministry directly."

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