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## Save the Bay Polar Bear Dip



The plunge is to raise funds to stop a proposed TC Energy hydroelectric generation project that involves the creation of a reservoir to which water from Georgian Bay would be pumped at night, when power is cheap, and released back into the bay during the day to produce electricity to be sold

at the higher day rate.

Sounds good but over 1000 people live directly under the area where the huge reservoir would be dug and the effects of the siphoning off and then release of this massive quantity of water from and into Georgian Bay should be concerning to all of us

## Save the Bay Polar Bear Dip 1-2 pm. Feb. 27 at Fred Raper Park, Meaford.

Are you up for it? The invite is out for all to join or support the "Save the Bay Polar Bear Dip" on Feb. 27, raising funds to fight a proposed hydro generation development near Meaford. Here Elena Polyanovsky, who's training up for this event, takes a dip in the icy waters of Georgian Bay.

For more information visit  
<https://savegeorgianbay.ca>

living near the Bay.

We have people from Tiny and Tay taking part and so far there are nine participants looking for sponsorship in the Save the Bay dip.

## BEAR BELL Adventures



What started out as a nice hike with the dogs turned into an episode of winter survival for Leslie Noonan. A 5 km hike around Tiny marshes with the two beagles started out so nice. She headed into the back end where no one else had been lately.

The dogs find a 'lovely' fresh carcass. Leslie spent five minutes wrestling the dogs for fur and chunks, resulting in having her intestines wrapped around the leashes and the smelly matter from inside the rotting intestines all over her legs. Her mitts were



Pictured right to left: Mr. B., large Texas Beagle and Betty the Pocket Beagle

unsightly gang of dogs and Human crawled into the car, smelling divinely of dead animal insides. **Fun times!**

*Written by Leslie Noonan*

Leslie is a RPN Acute Psychiatric at Waypoint Mental Health Centre and is a very adventurous hiker that has traversed many great miles. She completed a solo trek of the whole Ganaraska trail in three weeks. Less than 200 people have accomplished this. Not many experienced hikers could keep up to her. She has to have the best gear to survive this trail for three weeks. She has lots of adventurous stories to tell.



Pictured above: Leslie's deer close encounter with the Bear Bell hushed, at Springwater Provincial Park.



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covered in unrecognizable rotten lime that would make anyone lose their stomach contents. She continued on into the far arctic wilds. The knee high wet drifts that Leslie had to slog through, with poor little Betty, the beagle, trying to follow her and falling into the holes her legs were making in the snow. Finally she headed onto the home stretch, on the berm between the marshes, and she was hit with whipping winds and heavy snow pelting her face. Unable to see where she was going, she tried not to fall on her knees into the deep drifts, while having to carry little Betty, the pocket beagle. All the while, Mr B. Beagle, a large Texas Beagle, pulls on the leash to sniff moles. Visions of the movie "Alive" were going through her head. The weather had cleared just in time for the time to load all into the car. The



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## Lovebirds Valentine's Day Giveaway for a Chickadee Nesting Box

Thank you readers for playing the count the Chickadees in the Springwater News.

John Quick has a great passion for nature and our environment. His greatest wish is to inspire our youth to develop a great love and passion for nature and our environment. If a child has a great respect and passion for our nature world then they will be able to make wiser decisions on our world's future. The past few generations have failed greatly at this. **NO EFFORT IS TOO SMALL. WE ALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH OUR SMALL ACTIONS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT.**

**Congratulations on the winners of the nesting boxes.** The draw was random and fair to all 181 entries.

**The pickup date for the nesting boxes is Saturday February 19th from 10 am to 3 pm.** Please come to Springwater News, 1058 Flos Road Ten East, Elmvale ON to pick up your nesting box. If boxes are not picked up by the next edition date of March 3, 2022 then more names will be draw with the left over boxes.

The nesting boxes are a clever design. The side panel will open for nest viewing and nest cleanup. Your and your children, friends and neighbours will be able to view first hand the nesting, laying and hatching and growing of he chicks. John Quick states, "My wife and I love following the staging of nesting. The first time we open the side panel, the female flies off. The female gets used to the opening of the box and will not disturbed. There is a myth that if a baby bird falls out of a nest and you put it back then the female will no longer care for it. this is not true. Birds have no sense of smell and the nesting and feeding instinct is strong. John's wife takes pictures of the growth and development of the chicks through the side viewing panel.

*Thank you John, and his lovely helpful wife, for your hard work and for donating the cost of the boxes.*

## Chickadee Nesting Box Winners 2022



Tony Cherutti  
Janice Parent  
Janice Vriezema  
Bob Cole  
Arley Taylor  
Scott Hancock  
Ella Besse  
Byron Wesson  
Kathy Kuehl  
Derek Witlib  
Trudie Duckworth  
Marie Stewart  
Laura Morning  
Evelyn Mucalov  
Bill Wheeler  
Derek Witlib  
Shar Wheeler  
Pam Peca  
Jeremy Town  
Leslie Martin  
Dave McLean  
Anita Laffrade-Burse  
Sid Galliford  
Paul Thompson  
Barbara Henderson  
Trudie Duckworth  
Denise Crowe  
Clara Playne  
Lindsey Waldro  
Jayden Truax  
Sarah Fairfield  
Courtney Sauve  
Mary Glen  
Mary Glen  
Ashley V  
Darl Hebner  
Fred Kerrison  
Barbara Jackson  
Annette Picuch  
Marg Thomson  
Beth Malouin  
Eric Targon  
Tara Grummett  
Beth Malouin  
John Robinson

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I want to thank the readers that have been reaching out to the Springwater News.

People are interested in helping out with the Homeless Shelter. This will be a long process as we struggle with obtain permits and permissions and iron out the details of the hurdles. I am keeping a list of possible donors and volunteers willing to help out building them.

I need writers and contributors in the Tiny Township. If you are interested in writing about history, culture, neighbourhood news or anything engaging about your community, please contact Springwater News.

The response to the Lovebirds Valentine Chickadee Nesting Box was fantastic and I plan to run a give-a-way more than once a year. If you have any ideas please share them with me.

It warms my heart to have the love and support of the people surrounding me. I am truly blessed to live in such a great community.

**Remember.... This is your community paper so please send me your opinions and ideas of what you want to see in the Springwater News.**

Articles can be dropped off, mailed and/or e-mailed to the above addresses 24 hours a day.

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**975** in Wyevale L0L 2T0 including Conc. 8 and some TBRS areas,

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Minesing Moments



The 50th Annual Minesing Mini-Fest came and went all too quickly. The organizers of this year's events did a wonderful job and those that participated had a great time too. Thank you all! The pancake breakfast was enjoyed by those who ordered their yummy breakfasts. The distancing was adhered to but it

didn't stop our small town spirit from happening. Our 50th Anniversary Youth and Citizen of the year were

announced and the 2022 Youth of the Year is Emily Ramolla and the Citizen of the Year is Wanda Maw-Chapman.

Congratulations to both of you, your contributions toward our community has been recognized and we as residents benefit from the time and efforts that you make. We appreciate you!

The parade was short but very sweet and a lot of efforts went into some great floats. Swampy made his trek out of the swamp and was seen and heard throughout the streets. It was great to see him, it looks like he's doing well this winter. There hasn't been a winner announced as of print, but I think something will be coming out soon, keep an eye out on Facebook. The parade was a job well done reflecting back over the 50 years. One of the floats that made me stop and admire was the black and yellow float from Maguire Apiaries.



The Maguire family has been producing honey for our area for 100 years this year and their float had a lot of historical information for everyone to see. The Maguire families have participated in Mini-Fest and always bring a smile to our faces. Well done! Our friends from Edenvale didn't disappoint this year either, they gathered neighbours and some interesting outfits to entertain

our village. G. Priest Services also had two of their trucks, the old and the new. It's always good to see local businesses participating, I believe there were three generations in their trucks this year! There were others who gathered friends to show their life-sized bowling alley, depicting one of Minesing's hidden secrets! The Mallards ball team showed their community spirit as well by re-creating the buttons over the years. An individual atv/canoe was creatively designed to participate as well, great job Brent and Tracey. I can't forget to mention our volunteer fire department who lead the parade and followed up the end of the parade. Thank you for taking the time to always be involved in our village events. So much fun was had by participants and those watching the parade, even if it was a cold day. Great job everyone, even though our Mini-Fest has taken a hit over the last couple of years, you've kept it alive and next year will be even BETTER I am sure of it. We can't wait.



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There are a number of over-the-counter medications that can help with constipation; both laxative and non-laxative. Most of them work in one or two days, but it can vary. Ask your Pharmasave pharmacist for help if you are suffering from constipation. We are here to help 7 days per week.

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**Riddle:**  
There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What colour are the stairs?



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### Black History Month

The celebration of Black History Month originates from the U.S. Professor Carter G. Woodson's 1926 declaration of Negro History Week, a week in February that marked the birthdates of civil rights activists Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, Toronto City Council declared February as Black History Month. National recognition occurred on December 14, 1995, when the House of Commons unanimously agreed to a motion presented by the Honourable Jean Augustine to recognize February as Black History Month. On February 8, 2022, Warden Cornell proclaimed the month of February 2022, as "Black History Month" in our community to encourage all citizens to honour the significant role that Black people, both past and present, have played in shaping Simcoe County and its values.

### Tourism Simcoe County and Indigenous Tourism

The public's interest in accessing authentic Indigenous experiences and products is at an all-time high, making Indigenous Tourism one of the fast-est growing sectors of the tourism industry. Indigenous Tourism not only provides opportunities to promote greater cultural understanding – which supports the growth of strong communities – but it also provides significant economic benefit to Indigenous people, their communities, and the wider region. As a leader in the local tourism industry, Tourism Simcoe County (TSC) recognizes that it has a role to play in supporting and sus-taining Indigenous Tourism in the region. On February 8, 2022, Council approved the Warden and County Clerk entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Indigenous Tour-ism Ontario (ITO). Under the MOU, ITO will assist TSC in providing visitors with the opportunity to learn about Indigenous culture while simultaneously supporting the sustainable growth and development of Indigenous entrepreneurs and the products and experiences that they offer.

### Governance Update Regarding Structure of Warden and County Council Composition

In March 2021, Council voted that, subject to a change in legislative framework, the office of Warden be held by a qualified, non-directly elected resident of Simcoe County, appointed by County Council. It is the County's opinion that the Municipal Act does not permit the appointment of a non-elected person as head of council; however, this option is currently available in several regional municipalities that are governed by an existing legislative framework. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) was engaged in 2019 on the issue of appointing an unelected head of council similar to the regional municipalities in the GTA and seeking assurances that the Province would not interfere should Council consider this option. Information received from the Ministry referenced sections of the Municipal Act, suggesting that the existing legislative framework would permit the appointment of a (unelected) head of council. However, independent legal counsel suggested that an appointed (unelected) head of council may not be permitted under the Municipal Act. Given the contradicting opinions leading to uncertainty, on February 8, 2022, Council voted not to proceed with the full-time (unelected) Warden, and that the matter be closed, and deemed concluded for the 2018-2022 Term of Council.

## Views from the Cottage

By Melanie Martyn  
MULTI-MULTI -MULTI...OFFERS – A CAVEAT!  
As I mentioned before, I've been in the real estate field for many, many years. It seems timely to answer a recent query, "What to watch for re multiple offers"  
That is a multi-faceted question and brings on feelings of anxiety, mistrust, freeze-brain and more for most buyers facing this situation. As realtors, we must always try to put the interests of our sellers first when we have a listing on the market. Our current market has little product available, and homes are flying off the shelf as families from the GTA (generally) are anxious to find affordable homes and a lot larger lot in our area Cities and small Towns.  
As realtors for buyers, however, we also must put the best interest of clients first, in their effort to secure a home that is not exorbitantly bid over asking price. This seems to be the case in almost all of our recent purchase interactions. It's not pretty and I, personally, am having a hard time justifying some of the up to \$300,000 over asking sale price deals that we are currently seeing.  
I have to say this is not a normal type of market but more of a knee-jerk reaction to the current world state-of-affairs. I would say fear-buying comes to mind. Land lots, in many cases, have tripled in price. First time home-buyer prices are becoming out of reach and the ability for Banks to approve their price-cap range seems moot when the asking prices mean nothing.  
In previous years when we've seen this early spring flurry and an over-the-top offer frenzy, I also noted that it would settle out somewhat by late spring. Perhaps it is better to wait for more product on the shelves and decide to hold off on buying. Certainly, as a seller, you'd be well advised to do the opposite. Also note, in my experience, I have seen transactions that sold for far above asking price, have issues upon closing. On occasion, I would call lawyers in the late spring, early June to see how many files they had on their desks that did not close or were having to be renegotiated on the price because the Bank's appraiser could not support the inflated price. It happens more often

than you think, especially in recent years.  
In this market, if you are selling, it is best to have a shorter closing. Comparable sales required to justify the price will be in full supply (as an appraiser for many years, I can vouch). If you are buying, try not to be in the crowd of twenty or so buyers running to the best, prettiest place as it will bid up too high. Look instead to educate yourself on what true value is to you. Will you be in this home to weather the storm of a dip in the market? Can you perhaps look more to buying a home that is in need of some TLC but has the space and location you like? Look to the listings that have sat on the market past it's 'offer date'. These are the gems. These properties have a better chance of negotiating the price. Buy the 'dog' and make it a prince! Just saying....  
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## RVH celebrates Resident Doctors Awareness Week

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) will observe Resident Doctors Awareness Week 2022 (February 8 –12), a national celebration of the vital work undertaken by resident physicians for patients and health systems in Canada.  
RVH is particularly proud of the residents who come through its own residency program for family doctors. Affiliated with the University of Toronto's Department of Family and Community Medicine, RVH's Family Medicine Teaching Unit (FMTU) educates and mentors new family doctors during their final two years of training.  
Since the program began in 2009, 92 family medicine residents have completed their training

at RVH, with 55 staying in the area to set up their own practices, provide temporary coverage for area physicians or work in the health centre's Emergency and Hospitalist departments.  
"RVH's family medicine residency program provides an opportunity for these physicians to apply their skills and knowledge in a hands-on setting in their final two years of training," says Dr. Jeffrey Tyberg, Chief of Staff, vice president Academic and Medical Affairs. "These are the family medicine physicians of the future and we are fortunate to have such dedicated and skilled residents in our program. Often, we learn as much from them as they do from us and we definitely appreciate them, not just during this special week, but always."





# Township of Springwater Link

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## Connect With Us

The Township Administration Centre, the Elmvale Arena, Fire Halls, and the Elmvale and Midhurst branches of the Springwater Public Library have reopened to the public. Learn more at [springwater.ca/COVID19](https://springwater.ca/COVID19)

Please be advised that the Township is currently receiving a significant volume of calls and emails, and therefore, our typical response time of 24 to 48 hours may be exceeded. Staff will do their best to respond to enquiries as soon as possible.

## Upcoming Meetings

[Recreation Advisory Committee](#)  
Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

[Cultural Advisory Committee](#)  
Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

[Council Meeting](#)  
Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at [springwater.ca/Live](https://springwater.ca/Live). A call-in option is also available. Board and committee meetings can be accessed via Zoom Conferencing. View the agendas for details.

## Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

[Internet and Telephone Voting System \(2022-04-CLK\)](#)  
Closes: February 23, 2022

[HRIS-Human Resource Information System \(2022-03-ADM\)](#)  
Closes: February 28, 2022

[Community Based Strategic Plan \(2022-05-ADM\)](#)  
Closes: March 18, 2022

For details and to submit a bid, visit: [springwater.bidsandtenders.ca](https://springwater.bidsandtenders.ca)

## Seasonal Load Restrictions

The reduced load period in Springwater starts March 1 and ends April 30. By-law 2009-079 restricts loads on most Township roads to 5 tonnes per axle. The imposed weight restrictions help protect municipal infrastructure during the spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

For more information about the reduced load period, please contact our Roads & Fleet department at 705-728-4784 x2012 or by emailing [roadsandfleet@springwater.ca](mailto:roadsandfleet@springwater.ca).

## Career Opportunities

The Township is currently recruiting for the following positions:

[Coordinator, People – Payroll and Benefits \(2022-19\)](#)

Closes: February 17, 2022

[Library Technician 1 \(2022-20\)](#)

Closes: February 25, 2022

[Senior Project Engineer \(2022-22\)](#)

Closes: March 4, 2022

For details, consult the job descriptions at [springwater.ca/Careers](https://springwater.ca/Careers)

## Water & Wastewater Billing

Residential water meters have been read by the Township's third-party contractor, Wamco Waterworks. Bills have been mailed and are due on February 25, 2022.

## Book Your COVID-19 Booster Dose Appointment

Booster dose appointments can be booked via [ontario.ca/BookVaccine](https://ontario.ca/BookVaccine), by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900, or through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, select pharmacies and primary care settings.

For local schedules and information, visit: [smdhu.org/covid19](https://smdhu.org/covid19)

## Interim Tax Billing

The 2022 Interim Tax bills have been mailed. Installment due dates are February 23, 2022 and April 20, 2022.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from payment of taxes or from liability of penalty charges for late payment.

If your mortgage company pays your property taxes, you will not receive a tax bill.



### Volunteer Market Manager Needed!

The municipality is seeking a local community group or individual interested in operating the Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale in partnership with the Township.

Responsibilities include vendor coordination, attendance at the weekly market, set up and take down, and administrative duties.

For details, visit: [springwater.ca/FarmersMarket](https://springwater.ca/FarmersMarket)

## 2022 Spring Watermain Flushing Notice

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will be flushing watermain for the Township on an operated water system in your area. It is very important to **REDUCE** water use from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the dates listed below so that OCWA can effectively complete the maintenance.

**April 11 – April 14**  
**April 19 – April 22**  
**April 25 – April 29**

Elmvale & Hillsdale  
Midhurst & Minesing  
Anten Mills, Phelpston & Del Trend (includes Carson Road, Glen Huron Drive, Paddy Dunn's Circle, Anthony Court, Deluca Court, Kanata Court, Channen Court and Wendat Trail)  
Snow Valley (includes Highlands, Lowlands and Centre Vespra) & Vespra Downs

**May 2 – May 6**

During or after this flushing period, you may experience discoloured water and/or low water pressure. For more information, visit [springwater.ca/water](https://springwater.ca/water)



## Mayor Don's Update



### COVID-19 Updates

#### 1. Ontario Moving to Next Phase of Reopening

With key health indicators continuing to show signs of improvement, Ontario will move to the next phase of reopening sooner than anticipated. Effective February 17, 2022 at 12:01 a.m., the Province will further ease public health measures, including, but not limited to:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors
- Increasing organized public event limits to 50 people indoors, with no limit outdoors
- Removing capacity limits in most indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required, including restaurants and bars, gyms, meeting and event spaces, and more
- Allowing 50% of the usual seating capacity at sports arenas, concert venues and theatres
- Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25% in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs, restaurants where there is dancing, and others
- Increasing capacity limits for indoor weddings, funerals or religious services, rites, or ceremonies with certain restrictions in place

A full list of restrictions can be found online at covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures.

#### 2. Booster Dose Eligibility Expanded to Youth

Effective Friday, February 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., Ontario is expanding booster dose eligibility to youth aged 12 to 17. Appointments can be booked by visiting Ontario's booking portal at ontario.ca/BookVaccine or calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900, or through select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine. Appointments will be booked for approximately six months (168 days) after a second dose. To book an appointment online, individuals must be 12 years old at the time of appointment.

#### Updates on County Cart Exchange Program

The County of Simcoe's contractor Solid Waste Management is now in the fourth week of allowing requests for cart exchanges. As of February 6, 4,432 exchange requests have been received, which represents just under 3% of serviced units. The number of requests has been on a downward trend weekly, meaning the County will likely be on the low end of their estimated range of between 5% and 12% of units seeking an exchange. This also means that the anticipated cost of the exchange program will likely be on the low end of their range estimate of \$2 to \$3.9 million. Deliveries for cart exchanges are anticipated to begin during the week of March 7th. However, it is possible that there will be shipping delays related to the truck driver protests in Canada and the United States.

#### Rapid Test Kits Available

As of February 9, the Provincial government has expanded public access to free rapid COVID-19 testing kits for at-home use. For the next eight weeks, five million rapid tests will be distributed each week through pharmacy and grocery locations across the province. An additional 500,000 per week will be distributed through community partners in vulnerable communities. Individuals can pick up a testing kit from one of 2,300+ participating locations while supplies last, with a limit of one box per household per visit. The Province has given participating retailers the ability to determine how testing kits are distributed in order to best serve their community, including through appointment bookings, at checkout or through online orders. A list of participating retailers as well as information on how retail locations are distributing rapid test kits can be found at ontario.ca/RapidTest.

#### Midhurst Heights Subdivision

An information report on this upcoming development was presented this week at Council. The draft plan of subdivision has been approved and implementation is now underway. The plan will develop 1,440 residential units (single detached, semi-detached and townhomes) with lot frontages from 35 feet to 69 feet between Doran Road, Russell Road, Forbes Road and Gill Road. Blocks have been set aside for a park, open space and storm water management space, a future school site, a commercial block, and a water treatment plant.

The developer is working toward site development over a three-to-four-year timeframe with an objective to obtain building permit issuance in the fall of 2023.

This requires a significant amount of work to prepare the site and have the requisite services in place to support the planned development.

A tentative work schedule has been submitted by the developer, which is dependent on the developer's ability to achieve the required approvals from the applicable authorities, the completion of key engineering details (stormwater management, provision of water/sanitary services, transportation requirements, satisfying specific conditions of approval) and weather.

The schedule is as follows:

- Tree clearing and grading for the 2022 construction season;
- Internal and external servicing for the 2023 construction season;
- Building permit availability for October 2023, based on starting house construction one year in advance of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) being commissioned;
- Occupancy permit availability is planned for October 2024 or early 2025, based on the WWTP being commissioned.

In accordance with the workplan, the developer has submitted a tree clearing request to prepare the site for significant earthworks to be completed over the next year. Tree clearing cannot be carried out during the period of April 15 through October 31, in any given year, due to the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Birds Act. Before earthworks may occur, consultation with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and Council approval are required. This request is expected to be on a Council agenda this March.

I also will want to receive an update on the Craig Road construction from Russell Road to Bayfield Road. It was agreed that the road would be constructed prior to the subdivision construction, with a plan to carry traffic east and west to the north of the development rather than through Midhurst. This construction is included in the Township's 10-Year Capital Plan as follows:

- 2022 - \$2,077,000 – Utilities, Box Culvert & Property Acquisitions
- 2023 - \$2,500,000 – Craig Road – County Road 27 to Gill Road (Year 1 Construction)
- 2023 - \$3,805,000 – Craig Road – Gill Road to West of Russell Road (Year 1 Construction)
- 2024 - \$3,018,000 – Craig Road – County Road 27 to Gill Road (Year 2 Construction)
- 2024 - \$5,000,000 – Craig Road – Gill Road to West of Russell Road (Year 2 Construction)

**Finalization of funding is required and the timing for this needs to be reaffirmed.**

#### Free Simcoe County Agritourism Toolkit

Tourism Simcoe County has created a new Simcoe County Agritourism Toolkit for those looking to plan or develop an agritourism business in the region. The Simcoe County Agritourism Toolkit contains all the information you will need to help you decide whether agritourism is right for you. It outlines the steps you will need to take to add an agritourism component to your existing farm business or to help grow your existing agritourism business. The Toolkit is divided into four components based on a standard business development planning approach. To view Toolkit, visit experience.simcoe.ca or contact tourism@simcoe.ca to request a free print copy.

#### Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant

The application portal for the Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant is now open. This grant program provides a one-time payment of \$10,000 to eligible small businesses that were required to close their indoor operations as a result of the Province's modified Step 2 restrictions that came into effect on January 5, 2022. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 11, 2022. To learn more about the eligibility criteria and to apply, visit app.grants.gov.on.ca/osbrg.

#### Ontario Heritage Week

February 21 to 27 marks Ontario Heritage Week—an opportunity for communities across the province to appreciate and reflect on Ontario's natural and cultural heritage. In celebration of Ontario Heritage Week, the Township of Springwater is pleased to take you on a virtual exploration of three local heritage properties through its "Heritage at Home" initiative. Pulling together digital resources including photo galleries, videos and other documentation, this online platform will allow you to experience these unique

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properties room-by-room and learn the stories behind their doors. Properties featured include Crossland General Store, Martingrove House and Parker House, all which are officially designated by the Township of Springwater as properties of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act. Start your tour by visiting springwater.ca/HeritageAtHome.

**These represent my views and not necessarily those of Council. Be well.**



### Heritage at Home Series Offers a Behind-the-scenes

#### Look at Springwater Heritage Properties

The Township of Springwater is inviting residents to discover the secrets and stories behind three local heritage properties as part of a new virtual presentation offered in celebration of Ontario Heritage Week.

The series, which has been named "Heritage at Home", is an initiative of the Springwater Heritage Advisory Committee to help the community learn more about its history as well as the Township's process for heritage designation.

Through the newly developed "Heritage at Home" platform, residents will be able to explore some of Springwater's most unique heritage buildings room-by-room, without ever having to leave their home. The online platform pulls together a variety of digital resources including photo galleries, video interviews and other documentation.

"We are proud to take part in Ontario Heritage Week by shining a spotlight on our local architecture, culture and heritage," says Alyssa McGinnis, who is Chair of the Springwater Heritage Advisory Committee. "Springwater is home to some fascinating heritage buildings and the Heritage at Home initiative will give people a great opportunity to appreciate the properties and features that reflect our community's vibrant history."

Properties featured in the series include Crossland General Store, Martingrove House and Parker House, all which are officially designated by the Township of Springwater as a properties of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.



Martingrove House

Residents can begin their virtual tour by visiting springwater.ca/HeritageAtHome. During Ontario Heritage Week, the Township will also be sharing the digital content to its social media platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Ontario Heritage Week provides an annual opportunity for individuals and communities across the province to appreciate and reflect on Ontario's natural and cultural heritage. This year, Ontario Heritage Week will occur from February 21 to 27.

A special thank you to property owners Greig Stewart, Donna Kenwell, Linda Minduik and Chris Muir for graciously opening up their homes to provide a rare glimpse inside these stunning heritage properties.





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**Blind Drawing**  
There are lots of different blind drawing games. All of them are laughter-inducing games perfect for parties and small groups of people.

**How to play:**  
In one variation, player 1 takes a piece of paper and draws a simple picture on the back of player 2. Then, player 2 attempts to guess what player 1 drew by drawing in themselves. Another way to play this is player 1 calls out directions to the rest of the players. With their eyes closed (or blindfolded) these players attempt to follow these directions. Then, at the end, everyone laughs when they see what they drew.


**Finish the Doodle**  
This could easily be a one player game. It's also really quiet game. If you are looking for quiet pen and paper games for one, this is perfect.


**How to play:**  
One person draws a random doodle on a piece of paper. The other person has to use this doodle to create a complete picture.

**There are other variations you can do.**  
You can take turns drawing different parts of the picture. This could result in some really fun portraits! To play it by yourself, start out with a silly, nonsensical doodle and attempt to create something recognizable out of it.

**KIDDEE's KORNER**

**Brekkie Cones**  
Serves 2 / 25 mins  
Ingredients  
For the Cones  
4 Wonder® White 7" Wraps  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1-2 tbsp. water  
**For the filling**  
4 eggs  
4 sausage links  
1 cup frozen diced hashbrowns  
1 tsp butter  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Ketchup if desired  
**Directions**  
\*Prep Time: 10 minutes | Cook Time: 20 minutes | Total Time: 25 minutes  
Slice the wraps in half evenly.  
Mix the flour and water in a small dish.  
Place mixture with your finger onto one corner of the wrap and mold it into a cone shape, and press the "glued" corner down firmly.  
Finish all the wraps and bake empty, point up for a few minutes at 400°F or under a broiler on high, they will only take a few minutes to crisp up and become "toasted".  
The cones are done baking when they are golden and the "glued" areas is dry.  
In the meantime scramble eggs to your kiddos liking.  
Cook sausage and diced hash browns on stove top or in oven according to instructions on package.  
Once cones have cooled, evenly distribute the egg, sausage and hash browns before topping with a drizzle of ketchup and serve warm.






**Nancy Lockhart -  
EDGE Media**

**Starting Seeds Indoors**  
By now you would have received your seed catalogs'. The gardener's version of the Christmas Toy Guide. Wishes circled in red ink, the pages dog eared and worn. And if you are like a cousin of mine, you would like to skip winter and go straight to spring so you can get into the garden. But it doesn't work that way. But you can start your flowers or veggies indoors to give them a head start.


When you plant from seed, you have a much wider choice of varieties, tastes, and textures—and you can experiment with new ones. Read the back of your seed packet. It will tell you when you should start. Egg cartons and plastic food containers (yogurt or sour cream) make good containers for the early stages. Be sure to poke holes in the sides near the bottom of the containers to allow excess water to drain.

If you place the containers in a window, be sure to turn them or use a grow light. When it is time to bring your seedlings outside, it is important to "harden them off". Get them used to the outside world. This could take a week or two. There are two options: Place them outside in a sheltered spot and increase time every day. Or if you are handy, you can build yourself a cold frame. And open and close it every night.

**Happy growing everyone**



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**Notice of Statutory Public Open House  
Concerning the Township of Tiny New  
Zoning By-Law**

TAKE NOTICE that, the Township of Tiny will be holding a Virtual Statutory Public Open House in two (2) sessions regarding a draft new Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 34 (12) and Section 34(13) of the Planning Act, as amended. on:

- March 10, 2022, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; and
- March 10, 2022, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning By-law is a legal document pursuant to the Planning Act that implements the objectives and policies of the Township's new Official Plan, provides a legal way of managing land use and future development, and is intended to protect residents from conflicting and incompatible land uses. It describes exactly how land may be used, where buildings and other structures can be located, the types of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used, lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights, setbacks from streets, etc.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the proposed draft new Zoning By-law is to update the schedules and provisions of the By-law to conform to the Township's new Official Plan, be consistent with provincial policy, conform to the County of Simcoe Official Plan, and to ensure that the new draft Zoning By-law responds to the community's needs. The Public Open House is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed draft new Zoning By-law with Township staff and the Township's Planning Consultants who have prepared the new By-law.

The draft new Zoning By-law will regulate the following matters:

- All new Zone Schedules have been prepared and the proposed zones reflect the Township's new Official Plan designations and include new zones (i.e. Greenlands) and the use of overlay zones (i.e. Nipissing Ridge Overlay Zone)
- Permissions for additional dwelling units (second units) in some zones. Additional residential units

are still prohibited in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone and Limited Service Residential (LSR) Zone.

- A new permission on the use of storage (sea) containers in certain zones
- A new permission of the temporary use of storage (sea) containers in all residential zones with a valid building permit
- New regulations for retaining walls
- New standards for outdoor lighting
- The continued prohibition of the keeping of hens in residential zones (Backyard Chickens)
- A placeholder is provided for future regulations being considered for Short Term Rentals (Short Term Rental Task Force)
- A placeholder is provided for future regulations being considered for Cannabis (Staff Report).

The draft new Zoning By-law applies to all lands within the Township of Tiny, as such no location map is provided. If you wish to participate in one of the two (2) Virtual Public Open Houses, please click on the "Open House" link on the project webpage: [www.tiny.ca/NewTinyZoningBylaw](http://www.tiny.ca/NewTinyZoningBylaw).

Comments and questions will be accepted during the Open House solely through the Zoom Question and Answer function and responses will be provided. Please note that the two Virtual Open Houses will be identical and as such you will only need to attend one of the two sessions. A presentation will be made at the beginning of each session providing an overview of the project. If you wish to make a written submission or request communication regarding the progress of the new Zoning By-law please email: [newzoningbylaw@tiny.ca](mailto:newzoningbylaw@tiny.ca).

Information related to the proposed Zoning By-law, including the draft new Zoning By-law and the searchable Zone Schedules will be available on the Township website on February 17, 2022, on the project webpage at: [www.tiny.ca/NewTinyZoningBylaw](http://www.tiny.ca/NewTinyZoningBylaw).

If you are not able to access the information online, please either email us at [newzoningbylaw@tiny.ca](mailto:newzoningbylaw@tiny.ca) or call the Planning Department at 705-526-4204 where you can make an appointment to review the documents.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an

ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Tiny to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make a submission at a public meeting or make a written submission to the Township of Tiny before the proposed Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make a submission at a public meeting or make a written submission to the Township before the proposed Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**Collection of Information**

Personal information from those that make a submission is collected under the authority of the Planning Act and the applicable implementing Ontario Regulation, and will become part of the public record for this By-law. Questions about the collection of personal information should be directed to the Clerk's Office by calling 705-526-4204 or by email to [swalton@tiny.ca](mailto:swalton@tiny.ca).

**Statutory Public Meeting**

A Statutory Public Meeting regarding the final recommended new Zoning By-law will be held separately at a later date with the required notification. The Public Meeting will provide an opportunity for Council to receive input and comments from the public and stakeholders, prior to the adoption of the new Zoning By-law.

Dated at the Township of Tiny this 17 day of February 2022.

Shawn Persaud, BA, MCIP, RPP  
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## Ontario Maple Producers Explore New Strategic Direction, Receive Funding From OMAFRA

The Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association (OMSPA) is pleased to announce the receipt of funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for an Ontario Sector Development Project that will explore a revised strategic approach for the maple syrup industry in Ontario.

OMAFRA's support includes an \$83,000 grant to explore quality assurance issues, domestic market opportunities, partnership possibilities, climate change effects, and how to develop future maple producers. These are the key ingredients in determining a future path for the Ontario maple industry.

OMSPA was formed in 1966 with a clear intent to enhance and grow the industry. Much has changed in the last 56 years. OMSPA President Frank Heerkens explains: "The industry is at a crossroads. We have to understand where to adjust to meet the needs and demands of the future".

Funding support from OMAFRA will allow OMSPA to analyze where the industry is now, what the possibilities are for the future, and to work with its members in this revision of its strategic plan.

"Our government appreciates the hard work that Ontario maple syrup producers put in year after year to create a world class product," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "It is important to support the efforts of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association which is committed to ensuring it's members produce high-quality products using the best available management practices. The tradition associated with producing one of nature's greatest natural sweeteners is truly a success story, and I look forward to seeing the positive economic impacts this funding will help generate."

The Ontario maple industry contributes close to \$50 million to the GDP of Ontario annually, \$10 million in taxes and sees a permanent and casual workforce of over 1500 jobs.

### For more information contact:

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## Riddle Answer:

What colour are the stairs?

**Answer: There aren't any stairs. It's a one-story house**



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**Next Council Meeting: February 16, 2022**  
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### Staff Service Awards

Presentations were delivered by CAO Jeff Schmidt and Library CEO Jodie Player Delgado to recognize Springwater employees who have reached major service milestones with the Township. In 2021, Service Awards went to Lesley Heaslip, Shelley McNabb and Joe Moir (30 Years), Anita Verstraten (20 Years), Kathy Cook, Pierre Desroches and Ginger Tsang (15 Years), Jason Blakely (10 Years), and Renée Ainsworth, Steve Blogg, Brent Ferguson, Amanda Hodgkinson, Alex McNeil and Jodie Player Delgado (5 Years). 2020 Service Award recipients were also recognized, including Maggie Sparrow (30 Years), Penny Travis (15 Years), Tom McGinnis (10 Years), and Brianna Belcourt, Jeff French, Linda Potje and Mark Therrien (5 Years). During the presentations, Council congratulated the recipients and thanked them for their service.

### Increase in Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding

To assist municipalities in addressing their critical core infrastructure needs, the Ontario government has announced multi-year increases in Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding (OCIF). Under the 2022 OCIF formula, the Township of Springwater is eligible to receive an allocation of \$1,458,264.

Through the 2022 Budget deliberations, Council approved capital roads infrastructure projects in the amount of \$814,600 to be funded from the OCIF allocation. The Township will benefit from the increase in OCIF funding, which will result in additional funding of approximately \$700K for infrastructure projects.

### The additional funding will be allocated towards the following projects:

- Buckley Street - \$220,000
- Harmony Drive - \$37,000
- Lilac Lane - \$100,000
- Midpark Blvd - \$25,000
- Archer Crescent - \$115,000
- Nash Avenue - \$40,000
- Bertram Drive - \$90,000

### Revision of Condition 34 – D. Hickling Subdivision

Council accepted revisions to Condition 34 of the D. Hickling draft plan of approved subdivision, which represents Phase 1B of the Midhurst Valley development. The revisions will require Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for site servicing and not site alteration. The revisions will allow for the consideration of site works (tree clearing, grubbing, grading) by Council. Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks approval is still required before any site servicing (water, sanitary, stormwater management) commences.

*This summary is not a full representation of the meeting. For the official record, please refer to the minutes in the next Council Agenda. Past Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Township's YouTube channel.*

**Riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?**



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### Reopening Tuesday February 15

Welcome back! Springwater Township Public Library is pleased to announce that we will be reopening the Elmvale and Midhurst Branches to the public on Tuesday, February 15 with capacity limitations and social distancing in place. Please remember that masks are required, and if you are ill, we are happy to continue curbside service. Computer appointments are available for 30 minutes each. Please respect other patrons' access and limit your time to a maximum of 30 minutes in the Library. For more details please see our website.

### Lego Building Challenge

On Thursday February 17 be sure to tune into our Facebook page or our website to build a Lego character with Miss Amanda. Don't forget to snap a quick picture and send it in for a FREE Lego figurine!

### Aging and the Eye

Join optometrist Dr Naghmeh Thompson of Midhurst Family Eye Care on Monday February 21, 1:30 pm for a 30 min discussion on eye conditions as we age, treatment and a question and answer time. Registration required. Hope to "see" you there!

### Take and Make Kids Craft

Staff member Kaitlyn has put together a cute snowglobe project you can make at home. Kits are available Friday February 25 while supplies last.

### Take and Make Card for Adults

This month's free card to put together celebrates International Women's Day! These will be available starting Tuesday March 1 while supplies last.

### Small Space/Container Gardening

Pat Cook from Simcoe County Master Gardeners will be online to teach the basics of growing vegetables in containers and raised gardens on Monday March 7, 6:30pm. Registration is required.

### Coming Soon: March Break Programming

We've got some great ideas for March Break this year! We have \$10 activity bags for ages 3-6 and 7-10 that include crafts and games for five days for two children that go on sale Monday March 7. A special BINGO sheet is available for ages 5+ (teens/adults welcome), online STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program Wednesday March 16 and if COVID protocols allow, we will be having an outdoor program on Scent Training and Urban Ratting with guests Nika (dog), Snoopy and Woodstock (rats). Registration required. This family program (ages 6+) will cover how the animals are trained and a demonstration. New to us!

**We have a BRAND NEW AMAZING opportunity for you! Springwater Library now offers a membership at Prenda, a coding platform that can teach you how to create your own computer game, how to design a website, apps, learn animation drawing and more! Login today and get started!**



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## Love Nature

### PROJECT FEEDERWATCH AT WYE MARSH AND BEYOND

By Wye Marsh Executive Director, Kim Hacker

With many of us spending more time at home over the past few years, it's not surprising that birdwatching has increased dramatically in popularity. Their cheery songs and bright colours bring smiles, even on grey days.

A personal interest in birdwatching led Wye Marsh volunteer Dorothy Harper to learn about a program called Project FeederWatch. Project FeederWatch, operated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada, "turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries." FeederWatch is a November-April survey of birds that visit backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America.

For over 20 years, Wye Marsh has hosted a dedicated team of volunteer FeederWatchers. Twice weekly between November and April, volunteers set up to watch the many feeders on the Wye Marsh back patio. Regular visitors include Mourning Doves, Blue Jays, White-breasted Nuthatches, Cardinals, and, of course, the Black-capped Chickadee. When asked about highlights of Dorothy's 20+ years of observing for Project FeederWatch, both at Wye Marsh and in her own yard, she responded that the most rare bird she'd seen was a female indigo bunting; however, the most exciting thing she'd seen was a hawk swoop down and make another bird his lunch.

And while these rare sightings are exciting, according to the Project FeederWatch website, "it's the everyday observations of common birds that are so important for monitoring bird populations".

Registering with Project FeederWatch costs less than \$20/year, and participants benefit from receiving both digital and hard copy materials including posters and magazines. Along with all of the materials you receive, you also have the pleasure of knowing you are participating in citizen science by contributing to global data about birds and migration patterns – all while drinking your morning coffee!

Picture source: <https://feederwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/FeederWatchKit.gif>



Gillian Rustige-Reynolds is amazing. Last week she was awarded the Tiny Township Senior of the year for all of her hard work volunteering with various groups including The Tiny Township Lions Club. **We are all proud of you!**

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#### PD Programs are here!

##### Ride n Roll with Science

This program is a virtual science program which runs 60 minutes and will take place on March 10th, targeted to children aged 4-12. Sponsored by Scientists in School and Alectra Utilities. Please sign up with your library card and email address to receive the participation link. Free! Limited to 15 participants.

#### International Women's Day

This year's theme – Self Care isn't Vanity, it's Sanity

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm  
 Admission Fee: Women's Hygiene products, to be donated to Maison Rosewood Shelter and The Guesthouse Shelter. Those attending by zoom must drop off at the library when registering.

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Attend virtually by Zoom, provide email and receive link to attend

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Call the library or email to register.

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### Celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

This year Canada is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, marking her 70th anniversary on the Throne.

I offer Her Majesty my sincerest congratulations, as she is Canada's longest reigning Sovereign and the first to celebrate a platinum jubilee. Long May She Reign.

To mark this historic milestone, a series of initiatives are taking place throughout Canada to honour The Queen's service and dedication to this country and celebrate Canadian achievements of the last 7 decades.

To mark Her Majesty's 70 year of service, I am pleased to offer 70 pins featuring the Canadian emblem of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee to residents of Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. Pins will be available at the end of the month, while quantities last. To reserve your pin, please contact my office with your residential address. Please note that pins will be limited to one per person.

The Government of Canada is also providing up to \$5,000 in funding for community-based projects and celebrations in honour of the 70-year reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Through these initiatives Canadians will learn about the role of the Crown in Canada, celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of steadfast service to Canada, and highlight Canadian achievements over the last seven decades. For more information, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/platinum-jubilee.html>. Applications are due by February 22, 2022.

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any matters related to the federal government. Please contact my office at [Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca) or 705-728-2596 for assistance.

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### Barrie-area Members of Parliament hosting February Family Snow Sculpture Contest

Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte MP Doug Shipley and Barrie-Innisfil MP John Brassard are pleased to host a Family Snow Sculpture Contest this month.

*Picture below:* Shipley and Brassard will kick off the contest with their own snow sculpture behind the Southshore Community Centre on February 4 at 2 p.m.



Residents are encouraged to join the fun, get outside and enjoy the winter weather by building their own snow sculptures and then post photos of their creations on Facebook / Twitter / Instagram and tag either MP Shipley (@DougShipleyBSOM) or MP Brassard (@JohnBrassardCPC) with the hashtag #FebruarySnowSculpture.

The three sculptures in each riding that receive the most likes and shares on social media will receive prizes from local businesses, delivered to each winner by MPs Brassard and Shipley.

The contest will run from Feb. 4 to 26 with winners announced and prizes delivered on Feb. 27.

This contest is open to all residents of Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte and Barrie-Innisfil.

“This will be a great opportunity to get outside with family and friends, have some fun, and create some beautiful snow sculptures,” said MP Doug Shipley.

“We truly live in a winter wonderland and I hope that this contest will inspire families to spend some time together, have some laughs and get creative in the snow. I’m looking forward to seeing what Barrie-Innisfil creates,” said MP John Brassard.





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### HIDDEN GEMS: Copeland Forest



owned by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests. With an Ingram Road, Hillsdale address, it is yet another hidden gem of Springwater Township.

To reach the forest, travel north on the 400 and take Exit 121, turning east onto Highway 93 towards Craighurst and proceed by following the signs. There are five official access points that also offer parking. Three are located off of Line 5 North, just off of Horseshoe Valley Rd. West. The two others are just off of Ingram Road, one being situated within the small community of Martinville. Each access point provides a slightly different trail experience.

The forest has an interesting history. Originally a wilderness area used as a hunting ground by the local Ojibway population, and then later part of the fur trade route, it eventually became part of Simcoe County in 1842. During the pioneer period, the forest was characterized by sparse agricultural settlement, as most of the land was too low and swampy. Remnants of buildings and walls from this period can still be spotted on the property to this day. The value of this land soon became apparent during the boom of the local timber industry. The construction of the Flos and Medonte tramways that connected to the North Simcoe Railway at Elmvale and the Midland Railway at Coldwater added additional incentive. This resulted in a real heyday and various sections of the forest rapidly passed through numerous hands and fostered much growth in the lumber and milling industries.

In 1902, William J. and Jasper Martin Jr., known as “the Martin Brothers” bought large tracts of the land. Other parts of Copeland Forest were purchased by Jasper Martin Sr. between 1900-1906. In 1907, the Martins built a sawmill and company town (Martinville) on lot six, concession three. Farming operations also commenced in the clear-cut areas during this period. A period of steady growth and stability ensued over the course of roughly 20 years. During World War I and the recession which followed, the Martinville mills fell into a state of disrepair. In 1914, Jasper Martin Sr. retired and conveyed his share of the property to his sons. Fairly wealthy at this point, the Martin Brothers were ready for a change of pace and lifestyle and were looking to sell. That opportunity arrived in 1922.

Looking for a chance to expand his Elmvale operation, Charles Ernest Copeland purchased the two Martinville mills, 4 082 acres of land, lumber, logs and firewood in December of 1922. Legal title to the property, however, was not acquired until February of 1929. Charles and his three sons, Watson, Lloyd and Arthur were hardworking and possessed a keen business sense that led to the revival of Martinville. Upon the death of Charles in 1934, his sons, with Watson at the helm, took over the family business. In 1963 when Watson died, his son, Tom and Lloyd’s son, John, returned to assist in the running of the business. Arthur passed the following year and in 1967, ill health forced Lloyd’s retirement. Tom also left in 1967, leaving John as the sole owner of the Copeland Milling Company.

The end of lumbering activities in the Copeland Forest occurred in 1975 when fire destroyed the diesel mill and rebuilding proved an illogical option. It is a testament to responsible forest management that the industry lasted that long in the area. The Copelands had made the wise decision to avoid clear cutting, choose only the best

A truly magical and unique place, the Copeland Forest is the largest tract of land, of its kind, south of Algonquin Park. This 4 400 acre woodland is officially classified as a Resource Management Area located in Simcoe County and

trees to be logged and remove dead or diseased trees in order to promote healthy future growth. Reforestation of previously clear cut areas was also implemented from 1930 until the 1970’s. On December 15, 1978, approximately 4 400 acres of the 5 400 acre tract were sold to the provincial government by Simcoe Timber Lands Limited, the landholding company for Copeland Milling.

Excellent stewardship has truly resulted in one of the loveliest forests in Southern Ontario. Full of lush undergrowth, wildflowers and ferns, this forest is an amazing place to forage. Do take care to ensure a superior knowledge of edible options before picking and eating. While towering old pines are a highlight of this woodland, expect to also encounter large tracts of maples, oaks, beeches, birches and an expansive array of other evergreens. Although many small waterways run throughout the acreage, the 2 main rivers are the Coldwater and Sturgeon Rivers and their tributaries. A sprinkling of ponds and wetlands also dot the terrain, adding to the natural beauty of this place. Trails accessing the uplands of the forest offer spectacular views of the surrounding area.



With such a varied landscape, outdoor recreational pursuits abound. As part of the 200 km Ganaraska Trail, hiking is one activity that is particularly popular and Copeland forest trails offer a wide range of levels from beginner to intermediate. Be sure to wear crampons during the winter if you plan on tackling a hillier section of trail as icy conditions can be problematic. Wider trails provide horseback riders with the perfect spot to spend a day with their equine friends. Options include flat and easy loops, long slow hills, narrow winding paths and, for the more advanced rider, steeper hills and ridges. Investigate the merits of each trail before heading out. Although cycling, including the winter/fat bike variety, is a common occurrence in the forest, be advised that most trails will require an above average level of fitness to comfortably enjoy this exceptional wilderness experience. With over 80 km of trails, winter enthusiasts will also not be disappointed as the forest is perfect for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. For those looking for well maintained and groomed trails, Horseshoe Resort has leased land for cross country skiers to enjoy which requires the purchase of a daily or annual pass. Naturalists also delight in the wide variety of flora and fauna this tract of woodland has to offer. Spring and fall offer the plant lover ample search and find opportunities and fall foliage photo ops. The ponds are popular spots for bird migration and breeding. Belted kingfishers, swans and a variety of ducks are also well represented at these locations. Many other breeds of bird, including Wood Thrush and Scarlet Tanager, call the interior of the forest their home. Deer, foxes, rabbits, grouse and wild turkeys are fairly common sights. Coyotes, beaver and bear are less ubiquitous, but may also be present. It is important to note that both hunting and angling are also permitted on this land, within season and with proper permits.

Copeland Forest, with its ample and extremely varied landscape, is definitely a four season destination that requires multiple visits to fully appreciate the full extent of sounds, smells and sights that this hidden gem has to offer. What are you waiting for?





### Anten Mills by Dennis Gannon

There were several important events that have occurred in the past week that are noteworthy. Valentine's Day, while important to many, isn't one of the ones being referred to. It is hoped though that you were able to share a wonderful day with those important to you and you were perhaps spoiled with chocolate, flowers, wine and steak.

The first noteworthy event was the celebration of the 50th Minesing Mini-Fest. This past weekend the Minesing community held a number of activities which marked the 50th year they have had a winter carnival. Elsewhere in this paper there will no doubt be highlights of the weekend that will go into more detail. Our two communities are close in nature. A number of families that have made Anten Mills their home originated from the Minesing area and vice versa. As well, many of our children attend school in Minesing and in the past families went to church there as well. When we need fuel for our vehicles or body, the Minesing commerce is able to look after our needs. In years past there was always a rivalry between our communities with baseball and now our youth go to Minesing to play ball. 50 years of community spirit is definitely something to celebrate. On behalf of the Anten Mills community we send you to the Minesing community our most sincere congratulations and our hope that you will be holding Mini-Fest for many more years to come.

The second event happened on Tuesday, February 15. The 15th of February is our National Flag of Canada Day. According to the Government of Canada website "At the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time. The flag belongs to all Canadians; it is an emblem we all share." National Flag of Canada Day was proclaimed by then Prime Minister of Canada, Jean Chretien on February 15, 1996. He went on to say "the maple leaf flag pays homage to our geography, reflects the grandeur of our history and represents our national identity." Further, "Although simple in design, Canada's flag well reflects the common values we hold so dear: freedom, peace, respect, justice and tolerance."

It is interesting to note that while there is an etiquette to follow regarding our flag, the manner in which it may be displayed is not regulated by legislation but by established practice. The guidelines are simple and in most cases common sense. The National Flag should only be displayed in a manner appropriate for this symbol. It should not be subjected to dishonour or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. There are a number of suggestions found on [canadaca.org](http://canadaca.org) regarding folding, displaying, where to use and how to dispose of the flag. As an example the only time the flag can be upside down is when used as a distress signal. How many remember when at a Blue Jays game a colour party came out with the flag upside down? The flag should never be flown torn, tattered or when the colour has faded. To be disposed of it can be returned to participating retailers to dispose of them, if made of natural fibres it can be burned in a dignified private manner or if made from synthetic material it is to be torn into strips, reduced to a single colour and placed in a bag for disposal. There are a number of homes in the community where the flag is flown and on public buildings as well. Should you note a concern at a public building it should be brought to the attention of the building management. If you have a flag at your residence, hopefully you will follow the guidelines and display the flag of our country with the dignity it deserves.

February is considered heart month for different reasons and causes. Sudden Cardiac Arrest and heart attacks while two very different heart ailments

are common in our world. Sudden Cardiac Arrest can happen to anyone at any time and with CPR started promptly along with the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a life can be saved.



Our community and others in the township are fortunate to have an AED available for use at all times. Our AED is located in a heated / ventilated outdoor cabinet at the community centre at the main door. When opened an alarm sounds and photos are taken. As well, notifications are sent to community members alerting them to someone in distress. It has been a while since there has been any training on the use of the AED and CPR and the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association will look into providing some training this coming year. As the AED is automated, it is easy to use and will not shock a heart unless it determines it is required. While the arrangements are made you can find training videos on the Advocates 4 Health website or other first aid training centres. If you find yourself with someone who is not breathing or unconscious, call 911 immediately and if others are around send them to the community centre to retrieve the AED and follow the instructions from the machine.



Remember if you need to post a message on the community signboard send an email to [antenmillssign@gmail.com](mailto:antenmillssign@gmail.com) and instructions will be sent. That's all for this week, if you have suggestions for articles or wish to send congratulations to someone send me an email. Enjoy the Family Day weekend with those close to you. Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Strong, [antenmills1@gmail.com](mailto:antenmills1@gmail.com)

### Italian Exchange Student, Cristina Monfroni, Celebrates Curling

**Can you believe, in whole Italy there are only 333 registered members in Italy curling clubs?**

Corrie Spring-Wimmer, of Bounce Back Therapy in Elmvale, gained a friend in high school. Christina (an Italian Exchange student at EDHS in 1997). Christina's experience of curling was in gym class @ the Elmvale Curling Club with Ms. Brinkmann! Now her country is on top of the world #Olympics #MixedDoublesCurling. She was living in Wyevalle and went to school to Elmvale.

#### FUN FACT:

Cristina told me recently that officially ONLY 333 people are curling in Italy! I am sure this number will grow now!

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### Italian Exchange Student, Cristina Monfroni

**Christina Monfroni wrote this story:**

Let's celebrate the gold Olympic gold of #curling with a memory:

"The beauty of the experience abroad is also that of discovering new uses, customs, traditions, but also, why not? New #sports! In 1997, when I was in #Canada with #interculture, in school during physical education classes we were often taken to curling camp. At first I didn't have any idea what this sport was and honestly I found it very strange to play "bocce on ice". But, also thanks to the enthusiasm of our teacher and my teammates, I ended up being passionate about this game, which in Italy has remained unknown for years! On the way back it was hard to even tell and make my mates understand how fun it actually was to throw those "stones" with the right intensity and rotation and run behind "sweeping the stone" to adjust the shot. An experience that I still remember very well after years!

**CONGRATULATIONS from the bottom of my heart to Stefania Costantini and Amos Mosaner for this great goal and we hope it brings many more Italians to be passionate about this sport!"**



*Pictured Above: Grade 11 gym class 1997-Teacher: Ms. Brinkmann*



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Hey Dads

Pets. Do your kids have any? We’ve seen some pass our way. And pass on to a better place. Let’s see... Goldfish, cat, rabbits, ducks, chickens, goats and the latest is a pair of budgies. It’s like I can hear them squawking now. Because I do hear them squawking now. They are squawking.

You’ve heard the requests. The promises.

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“I’ll get them fresh water every day!”

“I’ll wash their cage/bowl/hutch/coop/litter box/house!”

If you do cave in and get a pet you’ll rapidly be promoted to C.R.O.: Chief Reminding Officer.

“Did you feed them?”

“Did you get them fresh water today?”

“Did you wash their cage/bowl/hutch/coop/litter box/house?”

One pet we’ve never had is a dog. Have you? I hear they’re quite the investment these days. Maybe we’ll get into the dog breeding business. I’ve been asked for at least 10 years if we can get a dog. No. They’re smelly. They’re slobbery. They’re hairy. I’m not

sure how long I can keep saying no.

Before we had kids I brought home a kitten for my wife Alli one day. We named him Solomon. He was the wisest cat to ever live. I was working a lot of evenings and we thought it would be nice if she had a little companion to keep her company. It was all rainbows and lollipops until our first daughter, Annabelle, was born.

Then one day Alli found a cat hair in Annabelle’s baby bed. Solomon’s status quickly plummeted from beloved pet to beloved pest. He was tolerated by the adults but dearly loved by the kids for the next 13 years. So much kitty litter.

The kids had been asking for a goats the last few years. For the last few years I’ve been telling them we can get one but they seemed hard to come by. We did finally get a couple but I guess everyone wants goats these days. I can see why. Unlike dogs, goats are useful. They clear weeds and provide milk. A lawn mower and grocery store all in one! Sign me up!

The one good thing about pets is that they are

fantastic tools to teach kids responsibility. We currently have a few dozen chickens and most of the kids have chores like getting the hens food or water. The younger ones collect the eggs. We all help clean the coop, fix the fences, and catch them when they escape into the garden..

I still have to play the role of C.R.O. now and then. However, as the kids get older their memory seems to be improving so the reminding seems to be getting less frequent. Some of the older ones are even apprentice C.R.O.s hopefully meaning I’ll be jobless someday.

Dad, how do you teach your kids responsibility? Do they have chores in the house? Do they have pets? Do they have jobs? Society needs more hard-working responsible kids. Down the road they grow into hard-working responsible adults.

You’ve got what it takes, dad. Time flies. Make every moment count.

*Jason Weening collects animals in Minesing with his 9 kids and 1 wife. Check out [www.heydads.ca](http://www.heydads.ca) for more dadventures.*

**Midland Bay Landing  
Development Corporation Issues  
Request For Pre-Qualifications  
(RFPQ)**

RFPQ Issuing Marks the Commencement of a Two-Stage Procurement Process to Select a Developer for Revitalization Project

Midland, Ontario (Monday, February 7th, 2022) - Midland Bay Landing Development Corporation (MBLDC), is pleased to announce that N. Barry Lyons Consultants, the real estate advisors engaged

to facilitate a two-stage procurement process to select a developer (or developers) for the 40-acre revitalization project set to take place on Midland’s waterfront, has formally issued a Request for Pre-Qualifications (RFPQ).

The RFPQ is the first step in a two-stage process to select a developer (or developers) to bring the revitalization project to life in accordance with the Town of Midland’s Master Plan for the property. Submissions will be evaluated against criteria defined in the RFPQ and a short list of experienced and financially capable developers will be invited to proceed to the second stage and respond to a Request

for Proposal (RFP).

The RFPQ will close in early March 2022 and a short list will be identified by late March 2022.

Developers interested in participating in the RFPQ must register at [www.midlandbaylanding.net](http://www.midlandbaylanding.net).

In tandem with these efforts, MBLDC has also awarded P1 Consulting Inc. a contract to act as the Fairness Monitor to oversee the two-stage RFPQ and RFP selections process.


.More information regarding the Midland Bay Landing revitalization project and Midland Bay Landing Development Corporation can be found at: <http://www.midland.ca/mbldc>

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## The Story of Michael Kent, The Snow Angel of Elmvale

Written by Makayla Conn

Friday February 11, 1966 began as a typical day in the small town of Elmvale, Ontario, and ended with a stabbed child, a missing murder weapon, and the start of a fifty five year long search for answers.

It was a hockey game with a neighbouring town. People were packed inside the arena, and the atmosphere was warm and lively with competition. Kids weaved in and out between crowds of adults, chasing each other through the dressing rooms and spectator area. A six year old boy with blonde hair was among them, clutching a small hockey stick in his hand. The events that followed have remained a mystery, but some time passed before his parents noticed the boy was nowhere to be found. A search team was hastily gathered, and a 911 call was made to the local police. The group ventured out into the cold night air to search the exterior of the arena, but unfortunately, they didn't need to look far at all. Sprawled beneath a lamppost, in a bloodstained

Snow bank beside the adjoining curling club was the boy. People looked around frantically, assuming he had been hit by a passing vehicle. That was until, speeding to the doctor's office in the backseat of a stranger's car, the boy's father removed his son's snowsuit to find multiple stab wounds on the small, motionless body. When they reached the doctor's office, the father rushed in, cradling the tiny body in his arms, but it was too late. The boy was already gone. His name was Michael Kent, and fifty five years after the events of February 11, 1966, he continues to live in the hearts and minds of residents in the small town of Elmvale, Ontario. His killer has never been found, and his case remains a mystery to this day.

Mike Townes was a twelve year old goalie that night, and was playing against Michael's older brother, John Jr. Townes recalls getting off the ice to a completely different world, "I didn't find out about it until I came to the bench at half time and it was already all over the place," he explained, in a patient voice that told me this was a story he had recounted many times. This did not affect his earnesty however, when he described his dedication to keeping the memory of Michael alive. Townes makes it his duty to remind Elmvale and the surrounding area every year that they shouldn't give up hope of finding answers, "Every February on the anniversary I reprint the article I wrote. Sometimes I add a few things to it. I always put a picture of Michael and the knife. Hopefully someone knows something that could break the story and at least bring closure." The knife in question was a twenty one centimeter, German-made fishing knife that was discovered on the roof of the curling club approximately twelve hours after the murder. Police believed that the knife was the key to solving the case, but it had no fingerprints and was not recognized by anyone in town.

Townes now works at the very curling club where Michael was found. He was speaking to me from his office there, and our chat convinced me that he is a loyal homebody through and through. When I asked him about the impact of the murder on the local townspeople, he expressed, almost instinctively, the common belief that makes many people living in close communities feel safe in their beds at night, "You don't expect stuff like this to happen in a small town."

Sandy Conn, another resident of Elmvale, was seventeen years old and a senior at Elmvale District High School at the time of the murder, "I remember going to school on the Monday and they took us out of class into a music room and interviewed us all individually. They asked where we were that night and showed us the picture of the knife. It was really quite scary."

Growing up in Elmvale meant you grew up with



hockey in your blood. Even if you didn't play, you were always watching and rooting for your friends or family members at the rink. The cheers and jeers of local onlookers echo throughout the small arena on a regular basis. For George Conn, that was the hardest part to accept, "The big thing that used to ring in my mind is that it happened at our hometown arena." His voice was steady as he said this, but there was a hint of emotion that could not be ignored.

The Elmvale Community Arena is the centre of every local kid's childhood. Whether it's

attending hockey games, public skating or the annual Maple Syrup Festival and Fall Fair, it's a place where fun, happy memories are made. But for a time, it felt like this centerpiece of the community was cursed. For Sandy, this feeling remains in her memory, "I remember quite vividly, we went to a tournament out of town and the people were talking about whether or not they wanted to come back to our arena." According to Sandy and George, (who had just begun the relationship that would lead to over fifty years of marriage) at the time, some towns didn't even want the Elmvale team to visit. Parents were suddenly cautious, and kids weren't allowed to be anywhere on their own. With the thought of a child killer on the loose, tension in Elmvale lingered heavily in the air.

This was a town where everyone knew everyone, and it remains that way today. Growing up, I couldn't walk down the street without someone recognizing who I was just by knowing my parents or grandparents. When I asked if the Conns knew Mike Townes in 1966, George laughed, "I coached him," he said. Unfortunately, this closeness in the community caused a lot of distrust and suspicion after Michael's death, "Everybody in town you trusted before this happened, you kind of looked at them in a different way," explained Townes. In a place where unlocked doors and the blind trust of your neighbours was second nature, the threat of violence was shocking for locals.

Looking back on this case more than half a century later, it's undeniable how much has changed in the world of detective work. Tracy Dobbin is a Detective Inspector and Major Case Manager with the OPP's Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB). Her role is specifically aligned with a new secondary unit called the

Historic Homicide Strategy (HHS), which specializes in cases that haven't yet been solved. After speaking with her, I can confirm that Dobbin's personality is just as impressive as her title. She had a professional, experienced air when discussing the case, while still managing to be empathetic and delightfully friendly. When I asked her what could have been done differently with the investigation in 1966, she began by saying, "We have to trust that those folks were doing the best they could with the processes that were in place at the time," a mindset that anyone examining historic cases should have. "But sometimes," she continued, "with time and perspective, we can see how things might have been done differently."

Advancements in forensics technology have obviously contributed to the success of modern investigations, but they are also much more structured than in the past. "The other thing that we do really well today that we maybe didn't do previously is called a front-end load," Dobbin explains, "We bring in a ton of resources at the very beginning and cover as much ground as we can right up front." This is different from the sixties, where there would have been a lesser response in the number of officers.

Something that hasn't changed, Dobbin says, is the way information evolves when police are called, "Often we get dispatched and go to a call, and it very rarely ends up being exactly what was portrayed on the 911 call." In this case, the call made on February 11 was for a missing child. When the police arrived approximately 20 minutes later, they came upon a devastating scene that would haunt them for years to come.

With any case in a small town, rumours come and go with time, "I've had people call me with their theories after my article came out (each year)" said Townes, and he enlightened me to some of the more outlandish conspiracies, one of which included the secret weekend getaway of a patient from what was, back then, a neighbouring insane asylum. In my conversation with Dobbin, she made a point to warn against these kinds of speculations, "Case theories are developed based on the circumstances and the evidence as it unfolds," she clarified. She explained that theories can actually be dangerous. If you're convinced of one explanation of how or why things happened without supporting evidence, it can skew your perspective on how to proceed and deal with certain people. Unlike on television, police cannot simply rely on a "gut feeling".

A concrete event that aroused suspicion shortly after the murder, however, was the suicide of one of the local hardware store owners. The man was ruled out as a suspect very quickly, and no connection was ever made between him and the knife, even though it was speculated by locals for many years after. It was just another dead end.

As another year passes with no answers, I can't help but wonder about the innumerable other unsolved cases and the impact they have left on family, friends and communities around the world. It's easy to get caught up in the despair of these stories, and see how hopelessness is unavoidable for those involved. Despite this, something that can be said for certain is that people like Mike Townes and Tracy Dobbin are the reason these victims remain alive in our minds. As Townes puts it, "It's a name I'll never forget."

Not much has changed about the Elmvale Community Arena since 1966, but an addition was made to the curling club many years ago. The lamppost where Michael was found, however, still remains. "I don't believe in the afterlife," Townes said, chuckling, "but you always wonder if Michael's still sitting there, just watching you, looking on."

### Waypoint Announces new Vice President of Research and Academics and Chief Scientific Officer

Waypoint President and CEO Carol Lambie is pleased to announce the recruitment of Dr Bernard Le Foll, MD PhD MCFP (AM) as the hospital's new Vice President of Research and Academics and Chief Scientific Officer.

Dr. Le Foll is a clinician-scientist specializing in drug addiction. He is also the Chair of Addiction Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and is a Professor in the departments of Psychiatry, Family and Community Medicine, Pharmacology and Toxicology, as well as the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Dr. Le Foll has practiced in the area of Addiction Medicine at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in Toronto since 2006. His multi-disciplinary research approach seeks to better understand the neurobiology of addiction and develop novel therapeutic strategies.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Le Foll to Waypoint.

He brings leadership expertise from various medical leadership roles at CAMH and has completed the Ontario Medical Association Advanced Leadership Program. He has led multiple research teams using a variety of approaches and this along with his experience in mentoring clinician-scientists supports the work of the Waypoint Research Institute and our research team," says Lambie. "Dr. Le Foll will continue to build our research and academics program and support the advancement of the hospital's strategic plan."

Dr. Le Foll leads CAMH's Translational Addiction Research Laboratory within the Campbell Family Mental Health Research Institute. He obtained his PhD in Pharmacology at University of Paris Sud in France and has performed post-doctoral training in behavioral pharmacology and brain imaging within the intra-mural program of the National Institutes of Health. He has a vast list of achievements and has received many awards and more than 80 grants. Dr. Le Foll has published more than 230 peer-reviewed scientific articles. He has been an advisor for multiple agencies, has developed clinical guidelines, been involved in policy and been invited to speak at the

Senate and House of Commons on addiction related issues.

Dr Le Foll will continue working at CAMH in addition to his new role at Waypoint and will join Waypoint in mid- February. He replaces Dr. Nathan Kolla who was appointed as Waypoint's new Chair in Forensic Mental Health Research last fall. We extend our thanks to Linda Adams, VP Patient Experience and Chief Nursing Executive who has supported the Research and Academics portfolio these last months.

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Sports Scene with Patrick Townes



To DH or not to DH, that is the question. Major League Baseball and their player's union continue to negotiate in order to solidify an agreement prior to the upcoming season. Some are worried that this season is in jeopardy due to the recent offer that was presented and the current distance between the two parties. From a fan's point of view, they need to get things in order to make sure there is a season. Folks have been stuck under the umbrella of Covid for two years and the glimmer of hope for many is this summer. Summer without the Blue Jays on television would be devastating for me, and I am sure many others.

One rule change that has emerged as a result of the recent negotiations is the Designated Hitter rule in the National League. These teams that historically had to fit the pitcher into their offensive lineup will have to do so no more. FINALLY! There have been a lot of recent social media posts of how this rule change will ruin baseball and highlighted how excited fans were when pitchers hit homeruns. I have news for you -- this did not happen often. On average, pitchers hit .100 or less, meaning they get a hit maybe one out of ten times. Trust me, the nine times are not pretty. Many pitchers trying to avoid injury are simply told not to swing by their teams. This is bad for baseball. If you think otherwise, give me a call to discuss. The DH rule will allow for expanded lineups in the National League and lead to more excitement for fans. Pitchers in the National League also will not have between one and three automatic strikeouts during a game. There will be no breaks. This will even out the playing field amongst teams. Fans will know there is no easy lineup now or historically in the Blue Jays division (maybe Baltimore now), and pitchers need to bring their A-game to every batter. Imagine if Roy Halladay got to face a pitcher in a lineup. Lastly, the role of the DH has also changed. Teams will utilize this rule to rotate players, rather than having one big hitter (David Ortiz, Edgar Martinez, Frank Thomas come to mind). This is good for baseball and do not let anyone tell you different.

If I could bet, the Baseball Writers Association is not in favor with this rule change. They are not in favour of any change and they are stuck in the dark ages. Many players who have been linked to steroids have accepted the position that they will never get into the Hall of Fame. This is a tough pill to swallow when comparing their numbers to players that are already in the Hall. I understand that there is a predicament when it comes to performance enhancing drugs, but in many cases it was not illegal or banned at the time. There are so many crazy Barry Bonds' statistics out there, including if you removed all of his home runs, he would still have a better on-base percentage than most players who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. David Ortiz became one of the first inducted into the Hall of Fame with any ties to steroids. It seems this has not opened the door for others and still will not. Again, for the players who have amazing

statistics above and beyond the rest, they will just have to know in their hearts that they still have a place in history. In fact, Barry Bonds, for example, probably gets talked about more for not being in the Hall of Fame, than if he was.

Team Canada came away victorious in this year's Scotties event as predicted. The home town fans were of course rooting for the Northern Ontario team. So much that on one of their important guard shots they were cheering so loud that the team could not effectively communicate the sweeping call. In today's game, any sweeping error can be very critical, as the "carving" technique has so much impact on the curl. This could have been the result of new fans, or, of course, very excited fans who have not been able to watch live curling in a long time. But, remember in sports there is a time to cheer and a time to be quiet. Fans were also criticized for cheering when opponents missed shots. For those who watched the Scotties and the majority of North Ontario's games, I wish they had a microphone on their coach Rick Lang who is a father of one of the players. He watches every single shot with full attention and is not hesitant to get out on the ice when a time-out and direction is needed.

My new favourite term around the curling rink when I throw a heavy stone will be "it is running". This was the normal term that was used when a player threw the stone too heavy, sometimes right through the house. It ran so much it was heavy. Maybe it was just heavy? John Morris and Rachel Homan of course did not have the results they would have liked at the Olympics in the mixed-doubles event. Unfortunately, they were not completely prepared for this event while other teams had trained in advance of the Olympics for the two-person sport. Now to be clear, these two are absolutely amazing curlers and thinkers on the ice, but they were not ready for this event when there could have been many more teams in Canada to choose from that had more experience in mixed-doubles. John was oftentimes leaning over from being out of breath due to shooting and sweeping. The strategy is also a lot different than the standard four-person game.

Mixed-doubles still seems to me like something you play at your local club in a snowstorm when you are short players. The idea of the sport was to focus the game around the button, making for a unique strategy, getting the game done quicker and making it exciting for fans. To me the strategy is limited in the first four rocks because typically you are automatically drawing to the button or freezing on a rock close to the button. And oftentimes, when watching over the Olympic event, the end seemed to be decided when there were still 3-4 rocks to play. For example, in some cases there were rocks locked in place that could not be removed. I still prefer watching the four-person game. John and Rachel played the best they could; unfortunately, it was not good enough for the competition and for the players who had more experience in the mixed-doubles event.

I'm tall when I'm young, and  
I'm short when I'm old.

Riddle answer: A candle

Riddle:  
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HEALTH and WELLNESS

Antidepressant Stigma

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."  
~ Helen Keller

Many people suffer from depression, which may range from mild to debilitating. It may be the result of life circumstances, hormonal influences, or the individual's body chemistry. Sometimes it is a result of how a person views him/her self and the world.

Others may be affected by the shorter days and lack of light during late fall and winter. This is known as seasonal affective disorder.

Some mild depression requires no treatment. It goes away on its own. Situational depression may lift when action is taken to change the circumstances that are contributing to the problem. Some depression is expected when grieving.

When depression is deeper, or more long lasting, it can interfere with the quality of life. Some turn to drugs or alcohol. Others feel sad all the time, and lose interest in the things they used to enjoy. Relationships can be affected.

In severe depression, the individual may not even want to get out of bed, neglect personal self-care, or even become suicidal.

There are common sense things that can be done to help alleviate depression. Getting exercise, eating healthy foods in normal amounts, getting a good night's sleep and avoiding negative people, all help.

Seeing a therapist is also advisable, and some individuals require antidepressant medication in addition to therapy. It has been shown that a combination of therapy and medication together work better than either one alone for some individuals. Unfortunately, some are reluctant to consider medication because they feel there is a stigma attached to having to take medication. I tell

my clients it is no different than a diabetic having to take insulin. A depression with biochemical attributes is neither the person's fault, nor is it a weakness.

A person's view about medication may be based on another person's experience, or information that is simply false. Antidepressant medications are not addictive. Anxiety medications can be. Fortunately, the antidepressant medications also help with anxiety.

If depression is an issue, the best person to advise you is your medical doctor or psychiatrist. Their expertise and experience with patients allows them to determine the best course for you.

If you are someone who requires this medication, do not be hard on yourself. Do not be afraid if you take the medication now, you will necessarily have to take it for the rest of your life. However, if your biochemistry has been inherited and there is a family history of anxiety and/or depression, you may choose to stay on your medication if it improves the quality of your life and relationships.

If you are someone who has never been depressed, or required such medication, be supportive of those who require it. Do not make jokes about anti-depressants because there is a chance someone in the room is taking them. (To obtain my Healing Depression Hypnosis MP3, visit [www.gwen.ca/healing-depression](http://www.gwen.ca/healing-depression).)

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Annie's Journal

*Written by Annie Warner Donnelly*

Three of the words that our Christian faith is built on – God is love - are found in 1 John 4:8.

If love is the template on which God designed the universe, what does that tell us about who He is? Well, to choose to create a world based on love must mean that God is committed to exhibiting love in all He creates. Further, that His actions will include the attributes of love, such as joy and peace, patience and kindness, goodness and faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

God expresses love each time He creates a human being in His image - in His image, but not a clone. We've all been created with the capacity to love and the ability to choose to love; with the ability to resemble, reflect and reveal the loving character of God to the world around us.

If love is the template on which God designed the universe, what does that say about us?

It says that we're loved beyond our wildest imagination! No one loves us more. He keeps every promise He's made. His guiding words to us are faithful and true. He comforts us and forgives us when we ask. We can count on Him in all things. It says that we can be blessed by everything He created, especially by His presence with us, not just now, but for all eternity!

If all this is true and I believe it is, why can't we love our neighbours regardless of where they were

born or the colour of their skin? Are loving words and actions casualties of our fear of others because they don't look and speak like us? Or are we so arrogant we think others don't measure up?

Our governments have designated many days, and weeks and months throughout the year for us to learn more about our neighbours., but not just our neighbours, our families and family members too. Why is it necessary for governments to set these days aside? Do we really need legislation to remind us that we're to love and care for one another?

Our ancestors have to account for their words and actions as do we, but we can create a better path for our descendants. We can teach them to be curious about the customs and cultures of others, to ask them what life was like for them in their birth country.

We can teach them that love is a universal need and that our capacity to love is endless, that loving compassion changes the heart that gives it and the heart that receives it. We can teach them to do for others what they hope others will do for them. We can teach them to ask for forgiveness and grant forgiveness when someone asks for it.

We can remind them that the attributes of love are joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

We can teach them that these three things are steadfast: faith, hope and love, and that the greatest of these is love. Amen.

Rosie's Devotions

**A Labour of Love** *by Rosy Hagedorn*

Quite a few years ago, I received a hand-crocheted afghan from a dear friend. It must have taken her many hours to crochet this blanket because not only did she crochet a pattern, but she also weaved long strands of wool through it to create long tassels at the end.

I just love it! It still keeps me warm and cozy during the winter months and it is also a welcome relief on cool summer nights. I remember offering to pay her for it, but she replied, "No charge. It is a labour of love."

For many of us, it is very easy to give a hand-made gift to someone, but when such a gift is offered to us, it is very hard to receive such a generous gift without wanting to do something in return. We truly need to learn to receive graciously, to say "Thank you", and leave it at that.

The world recently celebrated Valentine's Day. Gifts of chocolates, roses, and cards were given to our loved ones. Some of us will receive a proposal of marriage, a ring or tattoo, to show their affection towards their loved one.

These loving deeds made me think of a Father who gave up His Son to die on a cross for us, for our salvation, for free. We do not have to do anything. We just have to accept God's free gift; truly the most precious gift to us.

Can you hear our heavenly Father saying, "My child, there is no charge; it was a labour of love."

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (NASB)

Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. (NASB)

**Prayer:** Thank You, Father, for giving us Your only Son in order that we may inherit eternal life. Help us to accept Your free gift without any reservations. We do not have to do anything to receive this free gift; we have only to accept and believe. Amen





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THE OPP REPORT

OPP Investigate Weekend Drinking/Drug and Driving Complaints

After observing a vehicle sitting atop the snow bank at the intersection of Simcoe County Road 93 and Darby Road in Tay Township at approximately 1:08 a.m. February 12, 2022 a call was placed by a motorist to the Ontario Provincial Police to investigate. Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment attended and searched the nearby area for the driver of the vehicle who was located by officers. An investigation was commenced and as a result, Christian AMONSEN 26 years of Wasaga Beach has been charged with the following offences.

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order
- Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada
- Fail to report accident
- Fail to remain
- Fail to notify change of address - licence
- Contrary to the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario
- Being intoxicated in public place
- Contrary to the Liquor Licence Act
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Contrary to the Cannabis Control Act

The accused was released on an undertaking to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on February 24, 2022. The involved vehicle was towed and impounded for 7 days and the accused's drivers licence has been suspended for 90 days as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines.

On February 13, 2022 at 1:57p.m. an OPP officer observed a south bound Highway 400 vehicle at a high rate of speed in Tay Township. The officer was able to ascertain the speed of the vehicle to be in excess of 50 km/hr over the the 100 km/hr limit and safety stopped the vehicle. A roadside investigation with the driver and involved vehicle began resulting in the seizure of a quantity of open liquor and cannabis both of which were readily available to the driver.

As a result a 21 year old male driver of Guelph was charged with

- Speeding in excess of 50km/hr of the posted limit
- Stunt Driving in relation to excessive speed
- Contrary to the Highway Traffic Act
- Driving with Liquor readily available
- Contrary to the Liquor Licence Act
- Driving with Cannabis readily available
- Contrary to the Cannabis Control Act

The involved vehicle was towed and impounded for 14 days and the accused's drivers licence has been suspended for 30 days as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines. The accused will appear before the Ontario Provincial Offences Court at a future date.

OPP Make Arrest in Tay Township Break and Enter Investigation

On February 11, 2022 a resident of Calvert Street, Port McNicoll contacted the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to report a break, enter and theft that had occurred on February 9, 2022 at the residence. Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment attended the scene and began an investigation and through investigation, a suspect was identified and arrested on February 14, 2022 in relation to this occurrence.

Charged is Derek ARTHURS 45 years of Port McNicoll, Tay Township with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

Break, Enter a dwelling house with intent to commit

indictable offence  
Theft Under \$5000  
Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000

The accused was held for a virtual bail hearing and released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

OPP Investigate Tractor Trailer Crash That Closed North Bound Highway 400 Overnight

A tractor trailer rig with two occupants rolled over on its side blocking all north bound lanes of Highway 400 north of Simcoe County Road 23 (Vasey Road) near 10:49 p.m. February 10, 2022. North bound lanes were closed and traffic was detoured onto Simcoe County Road 23 (Vasey Road) while scene investigators and EMS tended to the occupants, one of whom was transported to hospital for treatment of minor injuries suffered in the crash.

One north bound lane was reopened at 5:00 a.m. and later both north bound lanes were closed at 11:00 a.m. for crews to remove the tractor trailer and it's cargo from the scene. Both north bound lanes were reopened at 12:54 p.m. February 11, 2022 after all crash scene debris had been cleared.



The cause of the crash is still under investigation. Officers remind drivers to check Ontario511 or @511 @OPP\_Comm\_CR social media sites along with local radio for driving conditions and road closures.

Incident on Albert Street in Victoria Harbour Concluded Peacefully

Officers from Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a call of a person in crisis at a home on Albert Street in Victoria Harbour on the afternoon of February 10, 2022. Attending officers were assisted by members of the OPP Central Region Emergency Response Team (ERT), K-9 Unit, North Simcoe Crisis Management and Resource Team (CMART), OPP Negotiators and Simcoe County Paramedics.

In regard for the safety of the public, Albert Street was closed for a period of time and nearby residents were asked to shelter in place. At around 5:30 p.m. the incident was resolved peacefully, without injury. The person in crisis was transported from the involved residence to hospital by police.

Members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment thank community members for their understanding and patience during this investigation.

Traffic Infractions Lead OPP to Charge Barrie Resident with Numerous Driving and Property Related Offences

A speeding commercial mini van on Heritage Drive, Midland caught the attention of an officer from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment at 8:32 a.m. February 9, 2022. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle which fled into heavy nearby west bound traffic. Shortly after, the speeding van was observed by other officers in the Town of Penetanguishene being driven in an erratic fashion and headed to Springwater Township while observation was being maintained.

Through investigation it was learned the vehicle was stolen and with the suspect vehicle still under observation by officers, in the interest of public safety a tire deflation device was effectively deployed just north of Barrie in the south bound lanes of Highway 400. The driver lost control of the vehicle and entered the ditch near the Willow Creek bridge at which point the driver attempted to flee the scene on foot. Officers arriving on scene arrested an individual nearby without incident and returned to Southern Georgian

Bay Detachment for further investigation. As a result of this investigation Dakota MCFADDEN 22 years of Barrie has been charged with the following offences in relation to this investigation.

- Dangerous operation (three counts)
- Flight from peace officer (two counts)
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada
- Resist Peace Officer
- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court (four counts)

Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and further  
Drive motor vehicle - no licence  
Contrary to the Highway Traffic Act  
The accused has been held for a bail hearing will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

*Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver or operator please “Make the Call” and dial 911 and help prevent a crash. If you are heading out on the town, please make a plan to get home safely.*

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22 Collapse	18 Positive or negative item
25 Scoundrel	21 Russian empresses
28 Ready follower?	23 Contend for superiority
29 Egg layer	24 Print measures
30 Socks with diamond-shaped patterns	25 “Murder, ___ Wrote”
33 St. Patrick’s home	26 Atop (poetic)
35 Admirable	27 Make alive
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Obituaries



**STEWART, Maximillian (Max) Jeffrey**

Passed away peacefully on February 7, 2022 at his home in Moonstone, in his 25th year. His mother Trish, father Jeff and sisters Olivia and Sarah are devastated by his passing. Max was a lover of life and did more

in his short life span than most people do in an entire lifetime. From an early age it started. Skiing, hockey, baseball, football, dirt biking, basketball, golf, four wheeling, trampolining, swimming, waterskiing. His talent on the drums and guitar was astonishing. Max loved it all. And everything he touched he excelled at. Max graduated from high school and then college. It all came so easily for him. His biggest love in life was for his family and friends, as everyone who knew him can attest to. He loved hanging out with his sisters and mom and dad. Max had the biggest heart. He had a smile and a kind word for everyone and was loved by absolutely everyone. Funny, charming, loving and always up for a good time. Max wanted everyone to be happy. Daring beyond belief was Max's mantra in life. From taking huge jumps on his dirt bike to wheeling it the entire length of the farmer's field to jumping off cliffs skiing in The Rockies. It was always, 'Mom and Dad, watch me do this!!' Watching Max achieve all his successes and goals in life was a great joy for us to share with him. Max was just not afraid of life. He was friendly to a fault and always, always wanted to make people happy. Funny, loving, outgoing and always taking sports and life to the Max.

A hole is left in our hearts and it will be hard to go on without our Maxie boy. From all the sports and activities Max was involved in, in life, we have met some amazing people who have become dear friends. We know you will help us keep the memory of our wonderful son alive.

Max, you may be gone, but you will live in our minds, thoughts and hearts everyday for the rest of our lives. You were loved so, so very much and we miss you.

Visitation will be held at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale, on Sunday, February 13th from 3 until 5 pm by appointment. To book your appointment please call 705-734-4682. Note that capacity limits will be in effect and proof of vaccination is required.

A private family funeral service will be held on Monday, February 14th. The service may be viewed on YouTube beginning at 10:55 am. Search: Lynn-Stone Funeral Home

Spring interment at Fair Valley Cemetery. Memorial donations made directly to CAMH Foundation, online at camh.ca or mailed to: 100 Stokes Street, 5th Floor, Bell Gateway Building, Toronto, ON M6J 1H4 would be greatly appreciated.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com)



**ROBERTS, Michael Godwin**

Michael Godwin Roberts passed peacefully at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie Ontario, February 9, 2022 at the age of 57 years after a short illness. Michael is predeceased by his mother Lois Ellen (Cruikshank) Roberts and his grandparents T.E. (Bob) Roberts and Jessie (Thompson) Roberts of London Ontario; and John Gordon Cruikshank and Helen (Lee) Cruikshank of Owen Sound Ontario.

He is survived by his father Edward Allan Roberts of Barrie Ontario and his sister Kristin Elizabeth Roberts of Bainsville Ontario, and her children Jillian Lee Cornish and Jeremy Robert Cornish.

There will be a celebration of Life for Michael in the near future, date to be announced.

Donations to the OSPCA in Micheal's honour would be appreciated by the family.

Online memories and condolences may be forwarded via [www.steckleygooderham.com](http://www.steckleygooderham.com)



**TURNER, Victor**

Passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village, Midland, Ontario on Saturday Feb 5, 2022. Vic was born on the farm on Flos Tiny townline in Tiny Township. He lived there with his parents Oscar and Matilda

(Langman) Turner (predeceased) and his brother Eldon Turner (predeceased).

He attended the Gibson Schoolhouse and was a member of the Allenwood United church during his youth. He travelled out to Winnipeg, Manitoba to help with the thrashing one season.

After returning home to farm he followed his true calling which was raising a variety of beef cattle and crop farming.

Victor was never married but maintained strong friendships with neighbours, friends and relatives. He loved to pass the time with hours of conversations over issues of politics or farming. He and his true friend Leonard Beardsall (predeceased) were often attending local seniors dances in the area.

In 2016 Vic moved to Kings Place Retirement Residence in Midland, this was to be a winter retreat only but Vic found that he enjoyed the company of the residents and staff so much that he decided to stay on for four years. When his health deteriorated further he relocated to Hillcrest village in February of 2020 just before covid had hit.

The Staff at Hillcrest Village have said that they don't usually have favourite residents but Vic was definitely a favourite. He always had a smile on his face and a compliment ready. Often he was heard to say .. My don't you look lovely today. We can never hear that often enough.

On his final day here on earth, He requested double desserts for his lunch and enjoyed them very much, 45 minutes later he slipped quietly to sleep. He was later found to have passed on while clutching his favourite toy horse figurine.

Vic will be sadly missed by local neighbours, family and friends. Especially Jeff, Karen, Jessica and Victoria Turner, Paul and Emily Turner, Noel Turner, Patricia and Bob Hurst, Art and Kim Turner, Ross and Debbie Langman, and Wendy and Sam (deceased) Langman.

A funeral service will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale at 2 pm on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Proof of vaccination will be require and capacity limits will apply. The service may be viewed on Youtube starting at 1:55.

Spring interment Allenwood Cemetery

If desired memorial donations may be made to St. John's United Church in Victor's memory.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com)



**HUEHMANN, Dorothea Ilse**

Passed away peacefully on February 12, 2022. Dorothea Huemann of Tiny Township in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Ernst Otto Huehmman. Dear Stepmother of Gunther (survived by Mary), and Ralf (Mia). Loving Grandmother

(Oma) of Karin, Sonja (Frank), Doris (Frank), James (Vicki), Katherine and Pia. Great Oma of twelve, and great great Oma of seven. Dorothea will be lovingly missed by her sister Annelies and family in Germany. Dorothea (Oma) was a beautiful, kind, strong, generous, independent Lady adored by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She loved fresh air, sunshine, a walk on the beach and the beauty of nature. Neighbourhood dogs would often accompany her for routine swims in Georgian Bay. The Blue Mountains, stargazing, feeding wildlife, and Cuba were her favorites. Dorothea loved to travel; her memory will be cherished by many loved ones abroad. Oma enjoyed her last swim in Georgian Bay at age 96.

You are Always in our hearts.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service has been held.

If desired, memorial donations to the OSPCA or Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation in Midland would be appreciated.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://lynnstonefuneralhome.com)



**MORAN, Frances Theresa**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Frances Moran. She was born Frances MacDonald, eldest child of Bill and Mercedes MacDonald, on September 30, 1929. Mom is survived by her

sisters Shirley (late Verle) Priest and Ursula (Grant Davidson). She was predeceased by her siblings, Mary O'Neill, Irene (late George) MacDonald, Joe (MaryLou) MacDonald, Chris (Brenda) MacDonald, Marg Russell, Sadie (late Doug) Bannerman, and Basil (Cheryl Jorgensen), Wilfred, William, and Paul. She is remembered by her loving sister-in-law Bernadette Reynolds.

Mother was very close with her family, leaving school at an early age to help at home with the care of the large family. In her late teens she moved to Barrie to work and shared an apartment with her sister and best friend, Irene. The two remained close throughout their lives talking every day on the phone and visiting often. Our two families spent many special times together throughout the years.

Mother was an avid reader and letter writer. She had beautiful penmanship that she instilled in her children, and used to write lovely letters to family and friends who lived afar. She believed in the importance of family and made sure that she stayed connected with those near and dear.

In 1955 Mother married the love of her life, Gerard Moran. Together they farmed the Moran family farm at Apto and raised their family there, where they taught us the value of hard work, the importance of family, the importance of being a contributing community member and the importance of faith and service to your church. Mother was a proud member and one time president of the St. Patrick's CWL for over 65 years. While on the farm, they added to the family with Theresa, Rosanne, Peter, Gregory and Robin Eugene. Gregory passed away in 1967 and Robin in 1969. Mother was a warm and welcoming host and was never short of baked goods to serve to family and company. Her tarts, brownies, pies, date squares, and carrot cakes were legendary in the family.

In 1988, Mom and Dad built a house and moved to Elmvale where they enjoyed many years of retirement. They enjoyed their time as members of the Sunshine Club and the Legion. They always had a deck of cards at the ready and Mom was known to have a deck in her purse and sometimes even a travel sized cribbage board!

We remain forever grateful for the memories, love, humour, and kindness Mother instilled in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is very much missed by her daughters, Theresa and her husband Murray Greer, their son Kevin and his wife Catherine and their sons Declan and Landon; Rosanne and her husband Brian Gallinger and their son, Gregory; and her son, Peter and his wife Kathy (nee Hubbard) and their daughters Kenzie and Alexa; and the memory of her late sons Gregory and Robin and her late grand-daughter Katelyn.

Our thanks and appreciation to the Staff at the Sara Vista Nursing Home in Elmvale for their care and kindness to our Mother during her time there.

A private family funeral will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church in Phelpston. A graveside service at St. Patrick's cemetery, followed by a reception will be held in the spring and announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations made directly to St. Patrick's Church, 1600 Flos Rd. 4 W, Phelpston, ON L0L2K0 or the Elmvale Legion Br. 262, 7 John St., Elmvale, ON L0L1P0, would be appreciated. Please notify via email, [lynnstone@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynnstone@sympatico.ca) of your donation (donor name/address) so that the family can be notified.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://lynnstonefuneralhome.com)





## Obituaries

**Rowat, Barry Andrew**

Passed away peacefully at the Brantford General Hospital on Saturday, January 15, 2022 in his 80th year. Devoted partner of Joan Barton, beloved husband of the late Audrey Byllaardt, and the late Sharon Rowat. Loving

father of Ian Rowat (Ann), step-father of Vicki Hunter (Bob), and Wendy Lyle (Brian). Caring brother of Lealand Rowat (Barb). Predeceased by his parents Melvin and Eunice. Barry was a long-time member of the Masonic Alma Lodge #72, Past Master of Masonic Alma Lodge #72, Past Master of Galt Masonic Lodge, past member of the Shriners, a Member of the Brantford Flying Club, a Member and Sponsor for Alcoholics Anonymous, and was on the Brant County Snooker League and the Brant CPA Pool League. Barry's zest for life included obtaining his Private Pilot's License, working his way to receiving a Black Belt in Judo, along with a strong passion for Square & Round Dancing. At the family's request cremation has taken place. Arrangements are entrusted to the Beckett-Glaves Family Funeral Centre, 88 Brant Avenue, (519) 752-4331. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alcoholics Anonymous. A tree will be planted in memory of Barry in the Beckett-Glaves Memorial Forest.

**MALONEY, Lloyd Leon Tahouney  
June 18, 1956 ~ February 3, 2022**

Lloyd Leon Tahouney Maloney passed away Feb 3, 2022. The old fart will be missed by his children Jennifer (Matt) Archer and Rachel (Justyn) Vezza and his grandchildren Wyatt and Aiden, as well as numerous friends and family. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Torrance Funeral Home.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.torrancefuneralhome.com](http://www.torrancefuneralhome.com)

**DEGEER, Eve Denise  
(nee Barnett)**

Passed away at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at the age of 79. Beloved wife of Roger for 59 years. Loving mother of Mark

(Victoria), Ian (Aishling) and Craig (Tracy Rose). Cherished grandmother to Christine, Allison, Robert, Michael; Evelyn, Anna; Christian, Connor, and Cohen. Dear sister of Mike Barnett. At this time there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations to the RVH Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be forwarded through [www.legacyfuneral.ca](http://www.legacyfuneral.ca)

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**WAPLES (nee Devitt), Eileen**

Monday, October 19th, 1925 - Monday, February 7th, 2022

Eileen Waples passed away peacefully at Hospice Wellington in Guelph on February 7, 2022 at the age of 96.

She was predeceased by her husband of almost 75 years, Keith Waples, who passed away on May 7, 2021. She will be sadly missed by her four children, Barbara Lennox, Donna Galbraith (Mac), Karen Hauver (Maurice) and Gord Waples (Denise) as well as her 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons.

Eileen was the oldest child of Fred and Leona Devitt and was predeceased by her brothers, Elwood, Carlyle and Lloyd and sister, Doreen Saunders and by her grandson Jason (Jay) Waples.

She is survived by her sister, Shirley Taylor and brothers Ron, Keith (Slim) and Lawrence Devitt as well as sisters-in-law Dorothy Rumney, Peggi Diebel and Mary Jane Burnett.

Eileen was a kind, hard working woman who loved to laugh. She dedicated her life to raising their four children and supporting Keith in his career in harness racing.

Before moving from Victoria Harbour to Durham in 1967, she enjoyed tending her large vegetable garden. There and at their homes in Orangeville and later in Guelph, she continued her love of nurturing flowers which were the envy of many.

Some of her fondest memories involved winters in Florida with their many friends in the horse racing industry. At their winter home she enjoyed painting, bowling and the game of petanque. She also enjoyed travelling with her daughters and sister, which made for some fun-filled trips to Vegas, Nashville, Branson and New York City.

She was a quiet, humble woman who never liked to be the centre of attention so, in accordance with her wishes, her body has been cremated and there will be no formal service at this time. When weather permits, her urn will be buried beside her loving husband, Keith at St. John's Anglican Church cemetery in Campbellville, ON.

Should you wish to honour her with a donation in her memory, please consider Guelph General Hospital or Hospice Wellington, where she received such excellent care in the final stages of her life.

**Donations/online condolences can be made through the Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home ([www.GilbertMacIntyreAndSon.com](http://www.GilbertMacIntyreAndSon.com)) in Guelph, ON**

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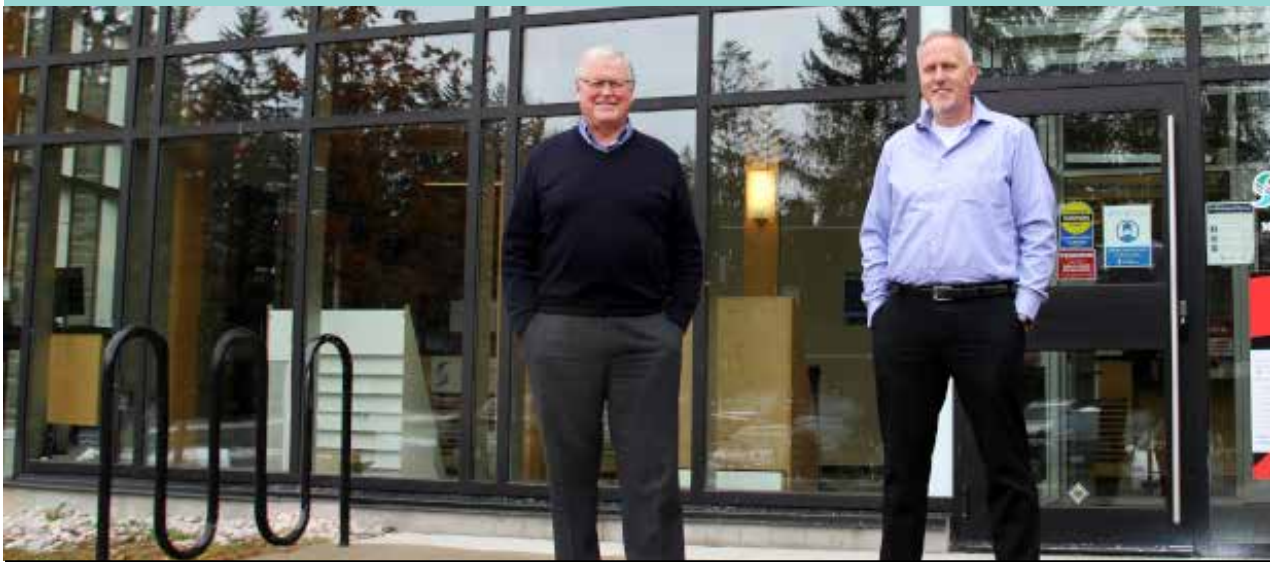
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Business View Magazine interviews Township of Springwater Mayor, Don Allen, and CAO Jeff Schmidt, for our focus on Building Ontario Stronger

In 1994, the Township of Springwater, Ontario was born, bringing together the communities of Anten Mills, Centre Vespra, Elmvale, Hillsdale, Midhurst, Minesing, Phelpston, Orr Lake, and Snow Valley. Nestled between the City of Barrie and the Town of Wasaga Beach, and one hour north of Toronto, Springwater is an ideal location for those looking for a unique mixed rural/urban experience with proximity to the amenities of a larger metropolitan area.

One of 16 municipalities in the County of Simcoe, the township is comprised of small urban centers and rural farming communities. Springwater Mayor, Don Allen, shares, “We are strategically positioned in the center of Simcoe County with convenient access to urban, rural, and recreational areas through regional and provincial highways. Springwater’s uniqueness combines small town charm with urban access, close proximity to schools and post-secondary education, four season recreational opportunities, and excellent supporting infrastructure. We also have access to one of the largest tracts of forest through the Simcoe County forests, offering many trails and activities throughout the year.”

Midhurst and Elmvale are home to the majority of Springwater’s 22,700 residents, with the township expecting an estimated 67% growth over the next 10 years. “Growing development continues to be a major factor in Springwater and dealing with managing the growth is an ongoing challenge,” Mayor Allen explains. “Development is coming fast and furious. It is estimated that the township will reach a population base of 37,800 by 2031, an increase of 15,100 people.” The population of Springwater covers a broad spectrum – from young families, to retirees, and everyone in between. Farming employs a significant portion of the workforce, while others commute to work in the larger cities south of the municipality. As GO Transit services from Barrie to Toronto are continuously improved, Springwater is becoming a more attractive location for commuters, especially in the area of the township on the northern edge of the City of Barrie.

Broadband is an ongoing challenge for the community and a committee has been put together to try to address the issue. The group is made up of members of council and township staff. Jeff Schmidt, Springwater CAO, explains, “The intent of the committee is to advocate as much as we can to have the private industries come and

provide for that infrastructure, and also to try to support them through any potential funding applications they may want to apply for through federal or provincial funds. We are pushing to ensure that each one of our new developments have broadband or fiber within the communities.”

Schmidt shares that a resident recently came before council, seeking support to establish his own broadband infrastructure, something his neighbourhood was on board with. “People have moved up here with the expectation that they would have broadband,” says Schmidt. “In some cases, maybe that expectation hasn’t been quite met.” SWIFT (Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology), a key municipally-led broadband expansion project in Ontario, has announced plans to begin projects in the communities of Anten Mills, Hillsdale, Phelpston, and Snow Valley. In addition, the Township has recently been advised of a Federal/Provincial announcement whereby Springwater and a number of other smaller communities in Ontario could see an investment of up to \$140M which would benefit over 43,000 households and businesses.

In 2003, the Midhurst Secondary Plan was initiated to guide development in Midhurst. After years of planning approvals, phase 1A of the Midhurst Valley plan finally broke ground in 2020. This first phase of development, called the Micks Subdivision, will include 342 detached and semi-detached housing units. Allen reports, “The tree clearing, and groundworks occurred in the latter half of 2020. And the internal infrastructure works for the subdivision are continuing into 2021. Work has commenced on the water and wastewater treatment plants which is ongoing.” Overall, the Midhurst Secondary Plan provides room for the development of 10,000 residential units, or approximately 30,000 people within the next 20 years. Although the model homes are just starting to be built, Allen shares the popularity of the project, “The sales center for Midhurst Valley was built and just opened in October to the public. Within 10 days of opening, all 270 of the initially released homes were sold, and the remaining 72 of the 342 single detached homes in phase 1A will be sold by the end of this year.”

Development company Geranium is one of four builders approved to begin working on the first phase which is expected to begin in early 2022. Mayor Allen shares, “Springwater has worked with Geranium since the Midhurst Secondary Plan was initiated in 2003. Over the years Geranium has worked hard with Springwater Staff and Council to bring to fruition this year the

start of building this significant development. We take pride in the professional productive business relationship we have with Geranium and look forward to the evolution of this project and the positive contribution it will make to our municipality.” Brookfield Residential, Countrywide Homes, and Sundance Homes are the other builders involved in the development of the Micks Subdivision.

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on the agenda, with plans for the Snow Valley Road and Bayfield Street Corridor. Schmidt reports, “Servicing is not yet available on that corridor, however once the construction of the water and wastewater treatment plants have been completed, that whole area will start to change, and servicing will be available. So, we will likely see lots of commercial and or industrial type development commence in that location, it’s just a matter of time.” Currently, there is a study underway called the Bayfield Street Corridor Study that is looking into what future development might look like in that area of the township, including possible retail and commercial opportunities.

The Township of Springwater has also been working with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to negotiate the purchase of a 50-acre parcel of land called the Hasty Tract. This purchase was finalized in 2020, at a cost of \$3,884,846. Mayor Allen recounts, “The municipal services proposed for this land include a new fire station, fire service training area, sports recreation complex, library, creative space, and other potential municipal facilities.” Simcoe County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are also working with the township to add a facility beside the new fire station, both of which are now in the planning stages. “This will be a very significant development for us over the next five to ten years and will serve as a southern gateway to Midhurst and Springwater,” adds Allen. The township will be undertaking a Master Plan, which will include significant public consultation in an effort to determine the exact amenities that are to be constructed on the remaining portion of this property.

On the environmental side, Springwater is partnering with local indigenous communities for the removal of trees on the Hasty Tract site. “They have an interest in utilizing some of those trees and also partnering with us for possible community gardens and such on the property,” says Schmidt. “We don’t want to go in there and just clear cut. We will do what we can to ensure we preserve as much of the natural footprint as possible. In order to do so, the township has engaged the services of a professional arborist to prepare a tree preservation plan.”

The township is also home to several solar farms and has worked with the county to install EV charging stations in nine locations throughout Springwater. The Township Administration Centre, constructed in 2008, is a silver LEED certified building, and all future building in the municipality is planned with sustainability in mind. Schmidt describes, “All of our new development, whether it be Midhurst or Centre Vespra, or other areas, will be smart development. This includes LID (low impact development) systems, making sure we are sustainable, and this will also carry over to our new fire station and potentially our new recreation complex where we will also be looking to ensure that they are built with long-term sustainability in mind.”

The handling of COVID-19 in the early days is something Mayor Allen believes is a point of pride for Springwater. He shares, “We, as a municipality, through the leadership of Jeff Schmidt, handled the COVID-19 situation very well. We kept Council and staff informed, our communication with residents and businesses was very good, and our numbers stayed down. We are very proud of that.”

As the township moves forward, there has been a turnover in management, which has offered an opportunity for restructuring and review – a positive step for the community. According to Mayor Allen, “We are restructuring our corporate organization, we are updating our official plan, we’re reviewing our long range financial plan. A lot has gone on notwithstanding COVID over the last two years, and we are very proud of that. As a result, we are in a very good position financially and making a lot of progress on many different fronts.”

Springwater is an idyllic collection of communities, with the charm of small town Ontario, close to the advantages of big city life. It is no wonder so many people are choosing the Township of Springwater as a place to call home.



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