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## Fight Like Mason Foundation is Taking the Fear out of Paediatric IV Treatment

*Themed intravenous poles will help young Soldiers' patients live out their superhero dreams*

ORILLIA, ON – The Fight Like Mason Foundation (FLMF) is donating nine “Mason Power Poles” — IV poles disguised with superhero, emoji and bright-coloured branding — to make treatment less scary and more empowering for young patients at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. The poles were donated with financial support from the Miles Hammond Endowment Fund and will be used in both the Paediatric Outpatient and Inpatient Departments and the Paediatric Oncology Clinic.



The FLMF got involved with Soldiers' after learning about the Hammonds, a local family who recently lost their young son to cancer. The organization is a registered charity named in honour of Mason Bacon-Macri, a 4-year-old Ontario boy who died in 2016 after his own brave and hard-fought battle with cancer. His parents, Chantelle and Iain, created the Foundation to honour his short life by giving other children a chance to fight just like Mason did. “We made Mason a promise that we would continue his fight and that’s what we’re doing today,” shared Chantelle Bacon, Mason’s mom and one of the co-founders of the Fight Like Mason Foundation. “We love when we can

bring these poles into a hospital to make any child happy. Even if it’s sad when we’re honouring other kids who passed away, it’s still good to know we’re not alone in this childhood cancer world.”

Kate and Kent Hammond’s one-year-old son Miles lost his young life earlier this year after battling cancer. The family’s experience touched everyone at Soldiers' and the community at large, resulting in a record number of donations to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation in Miles' honour.

“Miles was a really, really smiley baby,” said Kate Hammond, Miles’ mom. “All the nurses and doctors — he just adored everyone — and that joyful attitude will be carried on through these poles that other kids will use.”

The new poles will be used throughout the Paediatric Program at Soldiers'. “It is great to be able to launch



(L-R) Kent and Kate Hammond, parents of the late Miles Hammond, members of Soldiers' paediatric team, Tara Benedek, RN, Amanda Gaudet, RN, Dr. Sarah Barker and Chantelle Bacon, co-founder of the Fight Like Mason Foundation stand in front of the nine “Mason Power Poles” donated to Soldiers' Paediatric Program.



something as wonderful and heartfelt as this,” expressed Audra Jesso, Program Manager of Paediatrics and Children’s Services at Soldiers'. “Miles left an imprint on all of our hearts. As much as you’re in the hospital, our goal is to always make sure the experience is the best it can be, under the circumstances. We now have one pole for every patient room and the nurses are excited to use them and the kids will love them. It helps us take better care of our kids and families.”

Also in his memory, the Hammond family created the Miles Hammond Endowment Fund to support ongoing paediatric needs at Soldiers'. Miles’ dad, Kent Hammond, added, “After all the great care we had at Soldiers', it was really important for us to invest our time and energy into Soldiers' because it’s directly affecting our community. We’re hoping on an annual basis to rally our friends and family to be able to continue to donate to the OSMH Foundation.”

Through their grief, these two families are inspiring others to make a difference in honour of Mason and Miles. To learn more about the Fight Like Mason Foundation, please visit [fightlikemason.org](http://fightlikemason.org). To make a donation to the Miles Hammond Endowment Fund in support of paediatric needs at Soldiers', please visit [osmhfoundation.ca/donate](http://osmhfoundation.ca/donate).

**About Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation**  
The OSMH Foundation is a proud partner of Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and the communities it serves. The Foundation fundraises to purchase medical equipment, sustain programs and assist the Hospital in maintaining its position as a leader in providing quality community-based healthcare.

## Flos Agricultural Bursary Winners

For the last several years, the Flos Agricultural Society has awarded a bursary to students who have contributed/participated in the Elmvale Fall Fair and who are heading off to further education following their secondary schooling.

We are proud to announce the winners for 2021 who learned of their winning in their respective commencement exercises held in June. In keeping with the social distancing requirements this year, the foursome met on a Zoom platform with our President, Doug Ritchie. Congratulations to all and good luck in your future endeavours.



As shown from top to bottom President Doug Ritchie with the winners right, Grace Hunter, Ashley Miller (middle), Matthew Buchanan (right) and Laura Bateman (bottom left).



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## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 262 Elmvale Receives Thoughtful Donation

Below is the presentation of a cheque for \$500.00 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 262 Elmvale by the Elmvale District Horticultural Society, now known as Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts (EDGE).

EDGE has been meeting at the Legion for many years and appreciate the support that the legion has given to them. This presentation was a way of saying thank you.

Shown below from left to right: Graham Simmonds, President, Branch 262; Bev O'Neill, Treasurer, EDGE; Joanne Ritchie, Co-Chair, EDGE; Sharon Chambers, Co-Chair, EDGE; Frank Beasley, Secretary Branch 262.



### Michael's Musings

*Sometimes I date myself. We were garage saling.* I asked the lady what she was asking for the whippetree. She said they did not have one. I said it is sitting at the end of the driveway. She again suggested there was no whippetree and that I was probably looking at the oxen yoke. When I distinguished the difference, she said she had never heard the term before.

So, a whippetree is a devise (shown in the picture) that you hook a couple of horses to via their harness and the item to be pulled i.e., a wagon or a horse plow or whatever.



She also had an oxen yoke (second picture) which to me, is the apparatus that goes over the necks of oxen to pull wagons or whatever.

So, when looking for a picture to explain it better, I found that some people refer to the whippetree as a yoke. You learn something every day.

She was asking \$20 for the whippetree and \$50 for the yoke. She also had what I would describe as a portable pump organ, something in all my 74 years, I had never seen.

*I was reading something from South Africa* where the looting and lawlessness is out of control, possibly like other parts of our world, when I came across an article that caught my eye.

South Africa has published a proposal to allow women to marry multiple husbands. A discussion for the 'Green Paper on Marriages in South Africa' said the permission of polyandry was necessary to be "consistent in the application of the equality principle," as men can practice polygamy, having more than one wife.

I had often wondered what people would think if the shoe was on the other foot.

*Over the years, activists have been trespassing on farms* under the guise that they were protecting the animals there. Although, the animals were housed according to the ministry's rules, some people do not like it. In some cases, despite them thinking they were doing good, they released animals who knew not how to forage for their own food, and the animals that were not rescued died.

In some of my reading, I wondered if the activists



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understood farms.

I remember the days on the farm.

It wasn't uncommon that when you mixed two pens of pigs together, there was fighting and injuries. When the activists saw injuries on the animals, they seem to figure it was a human's indignity to the animals.

It also was not uncommon to have a mother pig lay on her babies. The coming of farrowing crates saved the lives of numerous pigs, they were cleaner, better fed and healthier but the activist thinks this is a cruel and unusual way of raising pigs.

Although they try to dismiss it, it is a fact that fewer laying hens die in cages than out in free range.

I would not say there are not some operators that are not mean to their livestock, but those that want to make a living know that comfortable and healthy animals are good for their bottom line.

There have been numerous court cases against the trespassers. Both sides have won and lost depending on your view. The trespassers think they should be able to wander onto anyone's property to check on the welfare of the animals while the owners think the trespassers should have been dealt with more aggressively when they disrupt the farming practices.

Now there is legislation pending that will keep the activists off the farm. If they have a complaint, provincial agriculture departments will be asked to inspect the operation rather than having the operation invaded by people putting the health of the animals at risk. As well, veterinarians will be asked to report farms not up to standards. If their actions have any impact on the health and biosecurity of the animals or on the farm, significant monetary consequences may be applied.

*Farmers are generally passive. They may not press charges because they might be in a court room when they should be planting or harvesting crops, or they should be home for farrowing or calving or feeding and milking their stock.*

*The Fraser Institute has ranked all the elementary and secondary schools* in Alberta, BC, Ontario and Quebec. (<https://www.compareschoolrankings.org/> or <https://fraserinstitute.org/>). Part of the scores come from the educational tests implemented by the government.

Around here, in the elementary category, Forest Hill 228/3037 had a score of 8.2; Minesing Central 8.1 or 267/3037; W.R.Best Memorial Public School at 7.4 was 630th; Monsignor Castex 6.6 = 1195/3037; Guthrie Public School 1277/3037 had a 6.5; Our Lady of Lourdes 6 which meant 1617/3037 tied with Worsley Elementary; Wyevale Central 5.9 ranked 1683; Huronia Centennial 5.6 or 1871/3037; Hillsdale at 5.2 2102; Birchview Dunes 4.8 or 2325/3037; Bayview Public and Ecole elementaire Saint-Joseph 4.7 = 2364; St Noel Chabanel and Canadian Martys Catholic 4.3 and 2540; Burkevale 4.2 = 2578; Huron Park 4 points ranked 2643 tied with Mundy's Bay; James Keating 3.4 or 2778; St., Ann's Separate School 2.3 or 2930/3037 and in the Barrie area with some 38 schools, Codrington Public stood 46th with a 9.2 score.

In the secondary Division Eastview at 7.6 meant 111/739; Barrie North with 6.2 ranked 391; Elmvalle 6.1 ranked 406/739; Bear Creek with 6 ranked 420; Innisdale had 5.9 points so ranked 440; St Joseph's 5.3 meant 520/739; Romeo Dallaire 5.2 or 530th; St. Joan of Arc 5.1 or 542nd; St. Theresa's 5 meant 556/739 tied with Nouvelle-Alliance; Georgian Bay District 4.3 620/739; Stayner's 3.1 = 687; Le Caron 2.9 = 693 place.

I think I captured all the schools in the Springwater News' area.

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*The Fraser Institute has also evaluated waiting times.*

It indicates that, overall, waiting times for medically necessary treatment have increased since last year. Specialist physicians surveyed report a median waiting time of 20.9 weeks between referral from a general practitioner and receipt of treatment—longer than the wait of 19.8 weeks reported in 2018. This year's wait time is just shy of the longest wait time recorded in this survey's history (21.2 weeks in 2017) and is 124% longer than in 1993, when it was just 9.3 weeks.

There is a great deal of variation in the total waiting time faced by patients across the provinces. Ontario reports the shortest total wait—16.0 weeks—while Prince Edward Island reports the longest—49.3 weeks. There is also a great deal of variation among specialties. Patients wait longest between a GP referral and orthopaedic surgery (39.1 weeks), while those waiting for medical oncology begin treatment in 4.4 weeks.

The total wait time that patients face can be examined in two consecutive segments.

From referral by a general practitioner to consultation with a specialist. The waiting time in this segment increased from 8.7 weeks in 2018 to 10.1 weeks in 2019. This wait time is 173% longer than in 1993, when it was 3.7 weeks. The shortest waits for specialist consultations are in Quebec (7.2 weeks) while the longest occur in Prince Edward Island (28.8 weeks).

From the consultation with a specialist to the point at which the patient receives treatment. The waiting time in this segment decreased from 11.0 weeks in 2018 to 10.8 weeks this year.

This wait time is 92% longer than in 1993 when it was 5.6 weeks, and about three and one-half weeks longer than what physicians consider to be clinically "reasonable" (7.2 weeks). The shortest specialist-to-treatment waits are found in Ontario (8.0 weeks), while the longest are in Prince Edward Island (20.5 weeks).

It is estimated that, across the 10 provinces, the total number of procedures for which people are waiting in 2019 is 1,062,286. This means that, if each person waits for only one procedure, 2.9% of Canadians are waiting for treatment in 2019. The proportion of the population waiting for treatment varies from a low of 1.7% in Quebec to a high of 5.8% in Nova Scotia. It is important to note that physicians report that only about 12.1% of their patients are on a waiting list because they requested a delay or postponement.

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## Annie's Journal

Written by Annie Warner Donnelly



Do you know a family that's welcoming a new baby soon? Anticipating the birth of a child brings with it a time of wonder: wondering when the baby will arrive; wondering how much the baby will weigh; wondering who the baby will look like.

Of course, the miracle of birth is wondrous in itself!

When God blessed Adam and Eve and told them to be fruitful and increase in number, their home was the Garden of Eden. They lived with their Creator, with their Father. Imagine how wonderful it would have been to give birth to children there, to be an adult or a child in that safe, loving, beautiful environment.

But then things changed, and here we are. Without the Garden of Eden, one of the challenges of being a parent is creating a safe, loving, beautiful environment for our children, here and now, so that they can learn and grow and thrive.

How do we help our children who have so much to learn from the moment they're born? How do we help them adjust to our view of how we want our family to be?

Lately the word "intentional" has been on my mind. It's a word that fits here. As parents, we intentionally create a framework that helps our children find their place in our family; helps them understand the world at large and their place in it; and helps them be prepared for eternity. Lots of pieces come together to make such a framework, one that keeps being adjusted as our children age and as we learn more about being a parent. It's like putting a puzzle together.

Usually when we do puzzles, we put the border pieces in place first. Our family framework can begin that way too. The border pieces can say things like: Always tell the truth; never take something from someone without asking; have a place for everything and after using something, return it to its place; be kind first; look for the good in everyone; seek joy, not happiness; be patient; protect your goodness; be gentle; be faithful to God; don't let the sun go down on your anger. These border pieces represent our family's belief system.

The beliefs that we demonstrate to our children help them know what's expected of them. They learn what our family stands for, and how we do things. We become united by the framework of our beliefs. Our beliefs help each family member be the person God created them to be.

Of course, as parents we don't just tell our children about our beliefs, we live according to them. It's a joy to show our children God's way of doing things.

We can't re-create the Garden of Eden, but by creating a framework based on our belief in God's words and His promises, we create a safe, loving, beautiful environment where each adult and each child can learn and grow and thrive. Together, we birth a family. Now that's a wondrous thing, too! Amen.

## Dr. Nathan Kolla announced as New Research Chair in Forensic Mental Health Science



Following an international search, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care is excited to announce that Dr. Nathan Kolla has accepted the position of Research Chair in Forensic Mental Health Science, a collaboration between Waypoint and the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine dedicated to the study and research of forensic mental health science.

Dr. Kolla is Waypoint's current Vice-President of Research and Academics and lead for the Waypoint Research Institute. He brings his wealth of forensic mental health experience and knowledge to the role. He is a psychiatrist with a PhD in Neuroscience/Neuroimaging from the Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto, has completed the U of T Department of Psychiatry Clinician Scientist Program and has a Master of Science in Forensic Mental Health Science (Distinction) from the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London.

"It is a great honor to be appointed to this new role. As Vice-President of Research and Academics for the past four years at Waypoint, I have to come to know the incredible research staff and unique opportunities that Waypoint has to offer in terms of forensic research," said Dr. Kolla. "I look forward to immersing myself in this exciting role and furthering relationships within the University of Toronto and external partners to help establish Waypoint as a center of excellence in forensic mental health research."

Waypoint has provided forensic mental health care as an integral part of its hospital services since the 1930's. Forensic services treat patients who have been found not criminally responsible on account of a mental disorder. Unfortunately these services are often confused with corrections, which can confer a "double stigma" of mental illness and justice system involvement.

"Dr. Kolla has spent many years of his career dedicated to forensic mental health research. His appointment as Research Chair provides him with that continued focus and brings Waypoint an internationally recognized research clinician to this important new collaboration," notes Carol Lambie, President and CEO. "He is familiar with the work of Waypoint from his current position and we know he is dedicated to furthering our focus on excellence."

Waypoint and the University of Toronto have had a formal affiliation since 2012 and the Research Chair collaboration continues to strengthen both institutions' efforts to advance psychiatry, as well as mental health and addictions treatment and care. Nathan further brings his experience as an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the U of T's Temerty Faculty of Medicine to this new role.

"The University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine is thrilled to announce this new appointment. Dr. Kolla is renowned for his research and understanding of forensic mental health science and he has been involved with the University for many years," says Dr. Benoit Mulsant, the Labatt Family Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. "Waypoint and the University of Toronto have similar goals in growing this important area of mental health care and we are pleased to have Dr. Kolla's leadership as Research Chair."

Dr. Kolla will formally transition to the Chair role effective July 19 and Waypoint will begin recruitment for a new Vice-President of Research and Academics.

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## Empowerment

We often hear of terms like 'personal power' or 'empowerment'. What does this really mean? Some think that being empowered requires money, position or intelligence. While these might help in some situations, they are not necessary requirements.

We have all known two year olds who have an incredible amount of personal power. They know how to take a stand. What can we learn from them? Well, the first criterion they demonstrate is a clear knowing of what they want, and what they don't want. If we are not sure what we really want, it's hard to be assertive.

Next, they have a belief that they can have things their way. They are not always correct about this, but holding this belief sets the stage for putting some effort into the matter. They have a willingness to speak up for what they believe in or what they want. If they feel they are not being heard, they are not embarrassed to speak a little louder, or to make a bit of a fuss. They are persistent. They will not back off the first time their wishes are not honored. They are not afraid that others will be annoyed if they express themselves. And if they are being hurt, they will scream at the top of their lungs.

This is not to suggest that empowerment means acting like an infant. Throwing tantrums is not a demonstration of personal power. The empowered individual takes the time to determine what he or she truly wants. This means separating your own wants and needs from externally imposed 'shoulds'.

You must believe in your heart that you have value, and that you have a right to work towards meeting your needs. You must also develop the courage to speak up for yourself, and/or the self-control to express yourself calmly. You don't give up all attempts because it didn't work out the first time you tried. You may have to come back again and again, from different angles.

You may need the assistance of an objective, professional third party. This might be your minister, doctor, teacher, or therapist. If the feedback you get is that your wishes are reasonable, then that individual may assist you in getting your point across.

Some people believe that the best way to live is to be always co-operative and accommodating. These are positive living skills to be sure, but if they are utilized continually, in a process of denying your true self, they will turn you into a chameleon. If you please everyone but yourself, they will all be happy, and you will be sad and unfulfilled. This is not the way to live life.

Your life is your gift, to be lived according to your inner spirit. Listen to your inner two year old, whenever, from deep inside your own being, you hear that definitive "NO!" You can translate that impulse and emotion so that you come across as a composed adult, but you do not have to live 'yes' when your heart says 'no.'

*Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen.ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for daily inspiration.*

## CLEANING TIPS

### Clean your disposal with orange rinds

The oils in oranges deodorize even the smelliest garbage disposal. Just toss in a few rinds, then run the disposal. Their juice and oils will eliminate germs and leave a fresh, fruity scent. For really rough odors, drop a few peels in an ice cube tray filled with water, then grind the cubes in the disposal. The ice will scrape the surfaces inside the disposal and help the peels do their job.

### Shine windows with a lemon squeeze

Lemon peels make an unbeatable glass cleaner. Fill a spray bottle with distilled white vinegar, add a few lemon peels and leave them to infuse for a week. Simply spritz your natural cleaner on windows, shower doors and mirrors. The acids from the vinegar combine with the oils in the lemon peels to cut through soap scum and mildew leaving glass clean and streak-free.

## Baby powder to the rescue

This bathroom staple can tackle a whole host of summer beauty arghs...  
 Complexion mattifier: Pat a small amount onto greasy skin. It sops up oil for a shine-free face.

Foot deodorizer: Sprinkle a little on your feet and in your shoes. The powder absorbs moisture to fend off stinky odors that come from sweating.

Blister preventer: Brush some powder onto blister-prone areas like your heels or toes to create a friction-reducing barrier between your skin and your shoes.

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## It Looks Like S.S. Keewatin Will NOT Be Part Of Ontario's Re-Opening!

Port McNicoll, ON - The charity that restored S.S. Keewatin and has operated her as an historical attraction for the last seven seasons announced today that it did not expect to re-open the ship to visitors in 2021.

"We are still fenced-out" said Wayne Coombes, President of The RJ and Diane Peterson Keewatin Foundation, popularly known as Friends of Keewatin. "We offered to request that our volunteers resume conducting tours of the ship in return for performing the maintenance necessary to prevent her deterioration, but her owner, Skyline Investments Inc. did not even bother to acknowledge receipt of the offer, let alone reply to it."

"This is a blow to tourism in the region," said Coombes. "KEEWATIN is a top-ranked attraction, awarded the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for the last four seasons, and boasting a Google Reviews rating of 4.6 out-of-5. We understand KEEWATIN ranks among cruise ship passengers' most requested attractions and has the highest satisfaction level reported in post visit surveys conducted by cruise ship companies."

"We're concerned about her condition" said Fred Addis, Friends of Keewatin's Curator. "When Skyline fenced us out a year ago, they interrupted needed repairs to the upper deck at the bow, which had only been started. The seals around structures and doorways had been removed for replacement leaving the ship in the worst possible situation. The bow has undoubtedly been leaking through last year's rains, winter's snow and ice, and this spring's numerous thunderstorms, into the rooms below. Ships like KEEWATIN always needed continuous, knowledgeable attention... and at 114 years of age, as the only survivor, she certainly deserves it now!"

"I said at the time that the excuse offered by Skyline for fencing us out... concern about COVID-19... was disingenuous, but clearly it has been shown now to have been ridiculous, as is any claim to be acting in the best interests of the ship," said Coombes. "Equally, that a public company would choose to renege on its contractual commitments, its public promises to a community, and its moral obligations to volunteers seems inexplicable."

"We're saddened to be prevented for another year from showing visitors the remarkable treasure KEEWATIN is, and telling the story of the CPR Upper Lake Service and life in the unique town of Port McNicoll at the time. Instead, we'll spend our summer telling visitors what is going on... and trying to figure-out why."



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## Council Meeting

### Highlights: July 7, 2021

#### Next Council Meeting: August 4, 2021

*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.*

#### Public Meeting – Midhurst Neighbourhood 1 Subdivisions

A Public Meeting was held regarding a Zoning By-law Amendment for four approved subdivisions within the Midhurst Neighbourhood 1 development.

The proposed amendment would enhance the appearance of corner lots by permitting porches and stairs to encroach into exterior side yards, further than existing limits. Following the public meeting, the application was referred to staff for a further report. A second Public Meeting will be held in the near future to allow for additional public input on this matter.

#### Public Meeting – 3352 Crossland Road

A Public Meeting was held regarding an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for the lands at 3352 Crossland Road (former drive-in theatre). The proposed amendments would facilitate the development of a storage facility operation by redesignating and rezoning the subject lands for commercial use. Following the public meeting, the application was referred to staff for a further report.

#### Public Meeting – 1224 Carson Road

A Public Meeting was held regarding a Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, which would facilitate the development of 119 dwelling units, a seniors' building and a commercial plaza within the Midhurst Settlement Area at 1224 Carson Road. Following the public meeting, the application was referred to staff for a further report.

#### Simcoe County Food Council presents

Council received a delegation from Michael Ryan of Simcoe County Food Council regarding the Food Council's work in implementing the Simcoe County Food Security Framework. The County of Simcoe adopted this Framework in 2019 to address food insecurity in the region, which affects 1 in 8 households. The Framework informs the public of food security initiatives already underway and builds upon key achievements such as the 2013 endorsement of the Simcoe County Food and Agriculture Charter. The initiative brings together multiple organizations involved in the food system, in a coordinated approach to strengthen local food security at the household and community levels.

#### Consolidated Financial Statements

The 2020 Consolidated Financial Statements were presented to Council and approved.

#### 2022 Budget & Business Plan

Staff have been directed to begin the 2022 Budget process and will release the Draft Budget to Council on November 17, 2021. Deliberations will take place on November 22, 24 and 29, and December 6 and 8, 2021. Final adoption of the 2022 Budget is anticipated to take place on December 15, 2021.

#### Hold lifted on Stonemanor Woods – Phase 3

A Zoning By-law Amendment was approved by Council to lift the Hold provision for the Stonemanor Woods – Phase 3 development. The removal of the Hold will allow for the development of eight full residential lots and eight lot additions (partial lots) as well as building permit issuance. The decision came following staff's report that the requirements of the Hold were satisfactorily met by the developer.

## Step Three Impacts on Springwater Municipal Services

Township of Springwater / July 17, 2021 – On Friday, July 16, Ontario entered Step Three of the Province's Roadmap to Reopen.

Step Three of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place.

Permissible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 100 people.
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 25 people.
- Indoor dining with no limits to the number of patrons per table.
- Retail with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing.
- Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremony gatherings with physical distancing.
- Indoor sports and recreational facilities at 50% capacity, with additional capacity limits for spectators.
- Museums, casinos, and bingo halls with capacity limits.
- Cinemas, concert, theatres, and other performing arts venues with capacity limits.

As a result of the framework under Step Three, the following municipal services, facilities, and amenities are affected:

- The Township Administration Centre and Minesing Fire Station 3 are open to the public, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged as staff are available on a rotating schedule.
- Community halls remain closed and unavailable for venue rental at this time.
- All recreational sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and outdoor pavilions are open for recreational use. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
  - o Tree Nursery Sports Park, Hillsdale Community Park and Doran Park are open for permitted sports leagues, including soccer and baseball. The sports fields must be booked in advance by contacting [recreation@springwater.ca](mailto:recreation@springwater.ca).

• Springwater Township Public Library – The Midhurst and Elmvale branches are open with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres as well as other restrictions. Computer access is available by appointment only. The Minesing branch will continue with Thursday curbside service.

• Playgrounds and outdoor fitness equipment are open. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.

• The Elmvale Splash Pad is open daily from 10 am to 7 pm. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.

• The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale is open Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm. Visitors are required to wear a mask upon entering the market.

Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step Three.

The Province will remain in Step Three for at least 21 days and until 80% of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75% have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70% of their eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated. Other key public health and health care indicators must also continue to remain stable. Upon meeting these thresholds, the vast majority of public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted. Only a small number of measures will remain in place, including the requirement for passive screening, such as posting a sign, and businesses requiring a safety plan.

For additional information on the measures and restrictions under Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen, visit the provincial website at [Ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario](http://Ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario). For additional information on the status of COVID-19 in our area, visit the Simcoe Muskoka

District Health Unit website at [smdhu.org/COVID19](http://smdhu.org/COVID19). For additional information on how the Township of Springwater is responding to the COVID19 pandemic, visit [springwater.ca/COVID19](http://springwater.ca/COVID19).

#### Produce less heat with 'smarter' light bulbs

Did you know that incandescent bulbs only convert around 10% to 20% of their energy to light - the rest is mostly released as heat?

Simply switching your lightbulbs to LEDs or CFLs, which convert nearly 90% of their energy into light, will make your home feel at least two degrees cooler.

PLUS making the switch to LED or CFL will save you about \$100 on your energy bill over the life of the bulb.



## Connect With Us

The Township Administration Centre is open to the public, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged as staff are available on a rotating schedule.

The Township is launching a new corporate cloud phone system this week. The new system will make it easier for employees to stay connected with residents. Our primary phone number will remain as 705-728-4784. No service interruptions are expected during the transition.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Special Council Meeting -  
Public Meeting for Planning Purposes**  
Monday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m.

**Committee of Adjustment**  
Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.

**Special Council Meeting -  
Public Meeting held in accordance with  
the Drainage Act: Swaley Drain**  
Wednesday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m.

**Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at [springwater.ca/live](http://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.



## CityView Portal

The Township has launched a new online portal that will make it easier and more convenient for residents to apply for building permits, check the status of applications, submit requests for service, report By-law infractions and more!

To access the online portal, visit:  
[portal.springwater.ca/cityviewportal](http://portal.springwater.ca/cityviewportal)

## Bid Opportunities

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

**Service Delivery Review  
(2021-19-FIN)**  
Closes: August 5, 2021

**Stonemanor Park - Phase 2  
(2021-12-RPF)**  
Closes: August 11, 2021

**IT Information Master Plan  
(2021-17-ADM)**  
Closes: August 11, 2021

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

## Final Tax Billing

The 2021 Final Tax Bill was mailed on June 28, 2021. The first installment due date was July 21. The next installment is due September 22.

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.

## Water and Wastewater Bills

Residential water meters will be read at the end of July by the Township's third-party contractor, Wamco Waterworks. Bills will be mailed at the beginning of August with a due date at the end of August.

## For Sale

The Township has the following for sale:

**2001 JC Float Trailer**  
Auction Closes: August 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

For more information, visit:  
[govdeals.com/springwatertownshipon](http://govdeals.com/springwatertownshipon)

## Where do I find the latest vaccine information?

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is responsible for the vaccine roll-out in our area. For information on getting your vaccine, including second dose eligibility, visit [smdhu.org/COVID19](http://smdhu.org/COVID19)

## Student Bursary

The County of Simcoe is offering education bursaries of up to \$3,000 to County of Simcoe residents attending a post-secondary institution in Ontario. Students are required to submit an online application by **July 30, 2021**.

For eligibility criteria and to apply, visit:  
[simcoe.ca/studentbursary](http://simcoe.ca/studentbursary)

## Gypsy Moth Control: Next Steps

The Gypsy Moth caterpillar is morphing into the pupal (cocoon) stage in July. Here's what you can do to help control next year's population:

1. Brush the pupae off trees into a pail of soapy water. Leave them in the pail for a few days and then throw them into the garbage.
2. If you taped your tree in the spring, remove the tape to prevent damage to the tree.
3. If you notice dead caterpillars on your tree, leave them. Dead caterpillars indicate decline. Leaving them in place will help spread the virus or fungus that causes populations to collapse.

For more information on control options, visit the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's page on Gypsy Moth at [ontario.ca/page/gypsy-moth](http://ontario.ca/page/gypsy-moth)

## Share Your Thoughts! Community Broadband Survey

In an effort to collect valuable information regarding local internet service and connectivity, the Township has developed a survey for residents and business owners to share their experiences. This survey will be used to determine service levels and areas for potential improvement.

Complete the survey at:  
[springwater.ca/CommunityBroadband](http://springwater.ca/CommunityBroadband)

The final day to submit a response is **Thursday, July 29, 2021**.



## Anten Mills News

Dennis Gannon

Since the beginning of July our community has received nearly 3.25 inches of rain. Compared to what we received earlier this year that is a significant amount and much more than usual. The rain has immensely assisted our Community Association 50th Anniversary Garden as the material that was planted is getting well established. Since the last article a number of new donations have been offered and will be greatly accepted as we move forward. This is our community garden and as such we will be responsible for its upkeep going forward. If you have any plants that you wish to donate or other items that may enhance the garden please feel free to contact me directly. Also anyone wishing to assist with the garden maintenance is asked to contact me in order that scheduling can be arranged. Students looking to get some community hours are welcomed as well.

Our community thoughts go out to those who were affected by the tornado that touched down in Barrie last week. By now you likely have heard that there were at least 5 separate tornadoes that occurred that day and possibly more. Weather conditions at this time of year can change in a moment particularly when thunderstorms are predicated. Weather isn't an exact science and while the weather people do their best at sending out warnings, we have the responsibility to be aware of our surroundings and take heed when necessary. There are a number of apps available for use on our phones and tablets. You are encouraged to download them and refer to them now and in the winter when the weather is unsettled.

Did you know that tornadoes have touched down in our immediate area? There are reports of four just north of here and one south. The first was on June 2, 1998 just after 4PM in the area of Flos Road 8 and County Road 27. Several buildings and equipment at the Co-op were damaged and moved as well as a number of trees taken down. A second one was reported in Elmvalle on July 11, 2003. A third again in the Elmvalle area occurred on June 14, 2005 and on May 25, 2013 near Rounds Ranch on County Road 92. The Dalston area was also affected the same day. Fortunately these have all been low grade events and the damage minimal. Let's hope we are never the recipients of what has hit our neighbours.

Blueberry season has just begun and one local location where you can pick your own is Clarke's on Nursery Road. Open daily except Saturday, in the mornings and early evenings, it's a great location to get large delicious and healthy berries. They also offer their own seasonal produce when it becomes available at a roadside stand with an honour system payment. Help support a local family and eat fresh local fruit and produce at the same time.

With restrictions lifted the Anten Mills Community Recreation Committee is happy to announce that some of their planned activities can go forward. The first is this Sunday, July 25 from 11AM to 1PM when kids pick up baseball will be offered at the community park. Two other dates for the kids are Sunday August 15 and August 29. Adults will have their fun on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 on August 11 and 25. More details will be available on the community Facebook page for these events. These will be great opportunities to connect with other members of the community and particularly those who have moved in since the health crisis began.

Movie nights were also planned under the pavilion. Two Friday nights in August will have family oriented movies. Those dates are August 13 and 27. There will be more information again available on Facebook.

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebrations on Sunday, October 3, the CRA wants to hold an Anten Mills exclusive artisans and crafters show under the pavilion. This event is scheduled to run from 1PM to 3PM and will be limited to the first 14 entries from the community. We know that there are some very talented individuals in the village and this event is being held to showcase to all what we have to offer. More specific details will be posted on the Facebook page and if interested you are encouraged to sign up as soon as you can.

That's all for this edition. Enjoy the summer weather, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Strong, [antemills1@gmail.com](mailto:antemills1@gmail.com).



Almost 5,000 people queued for hours in the rain at a swabbing event in Worcester, to get tested to see if they were a match to help save the life of a five-year-old boy fighting a rare cancer after parents asked for help.

## Minesing Moments

Lorrie Norwood (705) 728-9784 / [lorachalli@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorachalli@sympatico.ca)

This past weekend I was able to enjoy a group of friends who gathered together to have a weekend away playing games, sharing many, many laughs, bon fires and great friendship of course. As rustic as it was, as we were at a friend's camp, we had the best time ever. Everyone was relaxed (except during mosquito witching hour), no pressures, no covid discussions and we were all double vaccinated. It was wonderful. Once home I thought how nice it will be if we can all fall back into "pre-covid" times but then I thought, hopefully the past year has taught us a few important things. If there is anything we can learn from the last year or so it's that we only need those around us and not the rat race of running from place to place, and constant running around for the kids. I have seen more children outside in our neighbourhood over the last year and think how great it is that they have figured out how to entertain themselves. It brought us back to the basics of things, quality time together with family within the four walls of our home and okay maybe Netflix and the LCBO may have helped here and there too. I do hope people will continue to have game nights, and quality time with each other.

We will have to adjust a few things in our lives, like no longer blowing on birthday cakes...maybe have a separate cupcake with a candle in it so the birthday boy/girl can still blow out their candle to mark their day officially. The people who previously invaded your personal space when talking to you will hopefully not fall back into that trend again. Shaking hands may also be something that doesn't return. Who knows, but it's important to be mindful that everyone has a different level of comfort so don't be offended if they don't return your offered hand to shake.

It's been a little while since we thanked all those who have been on the front lines while we stayed away. The hospital workers, all of them! Of course the doctors and nurses, but also the pharmacies, the kitchen workers, the janitors, housekeeping and administrative staff. To all of you who have worked at the vaccination clinics, thank you as well. It takes all of you to keep the hospital running. To the truckers on the road delivering the goods, you are not forgotten. Thank you. To all those working in grocery stores, you were there helping all of us out during what must have been a very difficult and stressful time. You are amazing and we thank you. Front line emergency workers, paramedics, police, fire fighters...you didn't miss a beat and continued to be there doing what you do best. You are all appreciated.

Seeing the recent tornado that struck in southern Barrie last week was very upsetting. Such destruction brings back awful memories to many who were in the area in 1985. I will say that hearing that there were no deaths was a relief, and I'm hoping that those who suffered injuries will recover quickly. To those who have lost their homes and belongings, we hold you in our thoughts. The community and surrounding areas seem to be coming together to assist and it is very impressive to see all the small and large businesses stepping up to offer services free of charge or at discounted rates. What a wonderful community.

With that being said, I will bring to your attention that this is the time when there are scammers out there. So please be very cautious of who you donate to. Always be skeptical of phone calls requesting monetary donations. If you wish to donate, you can reach out to the Salvation Army or Red Cross, but anyone contacting you over email or by phone for a donations is highly unlikely so beware! My daughter already had someone reach out to her as she is selling her car. This person said his car was destroyed in the tornado and couldn't afford what she was asking and wanted her to sell it for a quarter of she is asking. She declined and the person then asked her to donate towards his "Go Fund Me". It had a very crooked feeling to it and thankfully she recognized it as strange. Always do some research before you donate money to someone calling you on your number. If they are legitimate, they will be ok with you taking their number and calling them back. If they won't...do not give your credit card number out!!

Until next time, enjoy your day and remember to wear your sunscreen!

### BRAIN TEASER TIME

**Question: What's black when you get it, red when you use it, and white when you're all through with it?**



Answer: Charcoal

## Wyevale News

Ruth Ann Caston (705) 527-5274

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Gregg Webb, Lorne Belesky, Kitty Burnett, Yvonne Molto, Glen Molto, Jackie Stott, Avery Riley, Wilf Magee, Greg Withall, Nicky Gamble, Rebecca Lawler, Anthony Hillis, Jim Blow, Cathy Marcellus, Glenda Knuff, Jean Priest, Bob Ritchie, Donna Kalinchuk, Russell oreau, Mary Beth MacLachlan, Brian Marshall, Lorna Capling and Madison Wakelin for the month of July.

Wyevale United Church is having a roast beef dinner, takeout style on Saturday, August 14th. Reserve your tickets online at [www.wyevale.ca](http://www.wyevale.ca). If you cannot order online call Cathy at (705) 309-4945. Dinners are \$30.00 plus a fee of \$2.84. Dinners are to be picked up on Saturday, August 14th at the drive-thru area of the church during the allotted time. Reheat at your convenience.

Those who enjoy bingo can purchase bingo cards at the Jug City store. Bingo is on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm -7:30pm on channel 53 and is hosted by Midland Rotary. The cost of the cards are 2 for \$5.00. Anyone with any news for the paper, please call me and leave a message at (705) 527-5274.

### Ontario Helping 100,000 Workers Train for In-Demand Jobs

*Partnership will offer free online courses to those impacted by the pandemic*

TORONTO— The Ontario government is investing \$5.8 million in free online training to help 100,000 workers gain the skills they need to find good jobs and restart their careers. Courses will focus on building skills most in-demand by employers in fields such as information technology, finance and business administration.

This funding is part of the government's \$115 million Skills Development Fund to address challenges to hiring, training and retraining workers because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As our province safely and steadily reopens we're seeing strong demand for qualified workers across many industries," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "There are more than 250,000 jobs in Ontario going unfilled today. Many hardworking people are eager to start these new, well-paying and purpose-driven careers. Through this partnership with LinkedIn, we've identified the top skills employers are looking for and we're offering free online training to help workers and their families get back on their feet."

Workers will have access to over 17,000 courses, including videos taught by global industry experts. Employment Ontario career experts will coach each worker on which courses match their needs and personal career goals.

"We are excited to facilitate economic growth in Ontario through our learning, labor market insights, and recruiting products," said Mark Lobosco, Vice President of LinkedIn Talent Solutions, "Together, we can create more equal access to opportunity through learning and skills and help prepare Ontarians for the jobs of today and tomorrow."

This partnership aligns with Ontario's efforts to quickly re-skill laid off workers, reach traditionally under-represented groups and support the talent needs of small businesses.

It will also provide employment services organizations with access to local labour market data to ensure workers are building skills reflected in local job postings. Employment service providers will also be able to use the platform's employer outreach tools to build relationships with local employers to connect workers with job placements more quickly.

"As we move forward with reopening, our government is committed to helping workers find good, meaningful and well-paying jobs," said Robin Martin, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence. "This important investment will ensure everyone looking for work can quickly access the training they need to start in-demand jobs and get back on their feet," said Robin Martin, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence."

The funding comes as part of the government's \$115 million Skills Development Fund to address challenges to hiring, training and retraining workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of the province's 2021 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy.

#### Quick Facts

- The free online training is available until March 31, 2022 through LinkedIn.
- 2,100 in-demand courses are also offered in French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Mandarin and Portuguese.
- To apply, workers can contact their local employment service provider, or go to [linkedin.firstwork.org](http://linkedin.firstwork.org) to sign up.
- Ontario's unemployment rate was 8.4% in June 2021.
- In April 2021, Ontario employers were actively recruiting for an estimated 250,000 positions.
- LinkedIn, which posts millions of jobs annually, is the most popular job board in Canada with over 17 million users and over 450,000 companies represented.
- Ontario's Skills Development Fund is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.
- Please email [programs@firstwork.org](mailto:programs@firstwork.org) with further questions.

## Letters to the Editor

Phone number and address must be supplied for all letters to the editor

### No Place 4U2P

During the pandemic Heritage Park in Elmvale was a great place walk or jog.

It was the place for little folk to listen to a bull frog perched on a log.

There are two marvellous playgrounds on which the children can climb and play,

While their parents visit at social distance and take the loneliness from the day.

I often interviewed the adults and listened to their plea;

“Why would a town with such a wonderful facility provide no place 4U2P?”

The folks from Wasaga marvelled at the fancy dress that colours our park in spring;

Some visitors from Orillia said they came to hear the robins and cardinals sing.

The bikers using the Trans Canada Trail were grateful to use our parking space,

However, if they wanted to use the toilet, they would have to seek another place.

I know the men, when the call of nature beckoned, found a place behind a tree,

But women who are trying to train their children are troubled that there is no place 4U2P.

A lot of people use the picnic tables in the pavilion as a place to relax and eat.

It is even a meeting place for organizations that need an outdoor place to meet.

Seniors sometimes grab a bite of lunch from one of the food outlets in our town

But with no toilets to accommodate their needs they have to rush to get it down.

I apologize to folks that I interview, I let them blow off steam to me,

And I let them know that I, too, am mystified why there is no place 4U2P.

The Small Town Philosopher - July 2021

### Letter to the Editor,

I will be forwarding this correspondence below to the Township of Tiny for Wednesday's meeting. Due to the upcoming tribunal hearing dates July 23rd-CRH Canada proposed gravel pit expansion & Aug 3rd, 2021-Appeal of the Permit to Take Water (CRH Canada) I would like to submit to the Springwater News in advance of the meeting.

Readers can check out Tiny Townships Youtube website for July 21st, 2021 to find out what happened at Tiny Council.

Sincerely,

Anne

**To: Mayor George Cornell, Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma, Councillors Cindy Hastings, Gibb Wishart & Tony Mintoff**

**Re: Request to address council regarding the recent decision to remove Tiny Council from the LPAT CRH Canada (Dufferin Aggregates) proposed Expansion Hearing , Permit to Take Water (PTTW) also of great concern.**

I thank you your Worship and council, staff and members of the public for the opportunity to speak with you here today via zoom or by letter.

I am here to speak with you regarding the recent 3-2 vote by Tiny Council to pull away from the hearing on the expansion of the CRH Canada aggregate (Gravel) site (Dufferin Aggregate) Pit on Darby Rd.

I was disappointed.

I have put some thought into the position Tiny Township finds itself in once again and I ask you to look into the past for some answers-the past of Site 41.

I was only one of the many who participated in stopping Site 41.

In 2009 it looked pretty bleak. Construction was imminent.

Our Warden of the day had betrayed us. He had indicated he would stop the proposal only to vote in favour.

The situation may seem hopeless but it is not. We can and will change things if we believe we can and take action.

Tiny Township in 2009 bravely created 3 motions to stop Site 41. I believe you can too. Please see 3 attachments.

"The Good News"

We are garnering Public Support.

We are working on a new Federal Petition with support from MP Bruce Stanton.

Dr William Shoty and Dr. Mike Powell are attracting national attention with their factual exposition of the dilemma we face-a few truckloads of gravel now? Or pristine water for generations to come?-most recently published is their article in the Globe and Mail.

article-the-cleanest-water-on-earth-is-in-ontario-we-must-protect-it-before/

"The Asks"

1. A Moratorium

In 2009 Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians presented to Tiny Council on the need for a moratorium on the Site 41 Property. Tiny Council agreed and championed the cause at the County level.

We ask Tiny Council to seek Provincial Support for a complete Moratorium for any new or expanded aggregate Extraction and Water Takings in the Waverley Upland area.

It was a cabinet order that overturned an Ontario Municipal Board decision to deny approval of a landfill at Site 41 in the 1990's. The current government has stated its belief in upholding the will of local people and their representatives-as Premier Doug Ford made clear last year in expressing his support for the people of Milton and opposition to the Campbellville quarry. <https://www.miltonnow.ca/2020/07/29/82095/> This is a direct quote from the Premier "I am not in favour of that. I believe in governing for the people when the people don't want something you don't do it. Its very simple. I know Mayor you don't want it, no one wants it. I don't want it, we are going make sure this doesn't happen one way or another."

Also last year , the Ford Government withdrew a proposal that would allow quarries to be built in endangered species habitat because of feedback from stakeholders. <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/08/28/news/ontario-drops-plan-allow-quarries-endangered-species-habitat-golden-horseshoe>

Council you have heard from eminent scientists, that our pristine water is unique, and that it is endangered. We urge you to champion our cause with the province, to bring in a moratorium until the study by Dr. John Cherry and others has been completed, providing answers on what aspects of the Tiny Township geology and hydrogeology combine to make the water so clean, and what measures are needed to protect the water for the future.

2. We urge you to use your power as the representatives of Tiny Township residents to make our case to local MPPs Jill Dunlop and Doug Downey, Premier Doug Ford and neighbouring municipalities.

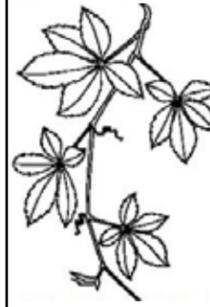
3. Partner with research proposal.

'Make a Difference'

We believe Tiny Council can make the difference. Strong, positive and committed people are needed. We ask Tiny Council to lead the way.

Respectfully,

Anne Ritchie Nahuis



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## Township of Tiny By-law Department Wraps up Noise Enforcement Campaign

Date: July 13, 2021

The "Noise Enforcement Campaign" took place between June 28 to July 5, 2021 with enhanced enforcement by Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers. The objectives of the campaign were to:

- Promote awareness of the new Noise Control By-law #21-028;
- Increase education and enforcement of the specific rules;
- Promote awareness of the By-law Department coverage.

Over the course of the 8-day campaign the By-law Department attended to 24 Noise complaints. During the campaign, a total of 9 charges were issued. There were 6 charges issued for loud music and 3 charges issued for yelling or shouting. Below is a breakdown of the 24 noise calls received during the campaign:

- 11 complaints were regarding loud music;
- 8 were regarding yelling and shouting;
- 4 complaints were filed regarding barking dogs;
- 1 was referred to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Dog owners are reminded to take precautions and address the issue of barking dogs before a complaint is filed with the By-law Department. The Township of Tiny would like to remind the public that the Noise By-law prohibits these activities 24 hours a day.

Noise Control By-law #21-028, General Prohibitions Section 3.1, states, "No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of noise resulting from any activity listed in Schedule "A" if clearly audible at a point of reception".

Under Schedule "A" General Prohibitions, the following activities are subject to prosecution pursuant to Section 3 of the By-law, if clearly audible at a point of reception:

1. The operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electromechanical transducers, and intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound;
2. The operation of a stereo or other electronic device designed to amplify sound in, or on, a motor vehicle in such a way that the sound can easily be heard outside of the motor vehicle;
10. Ring bells, blow or sound any horn, yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing;
12. Any unwanted or meaningless sound that in the opinion of the Officer is likely to disturb the inhabitants of the Township.

The By-law Department can be reached at (705) 526-4136 and will provide the following coverage:

Enforcement Summer Coverage Hours

**Monday to Thursday (9:00am to 11:00pm)**

**Friday and Saturday (9:00am through to 3:00am)**

**Sunday (9:00am to 11:00pm)**

To review the Townships By-laws, please visit: [www.tiny.ca/Pages/Bylaws](http://www.tiny.ca/Pages/Bylaws)

To review recent By-law Enforcement Activity Reports, please visit: [www.tiny.ca/bylawactivityreports](http://www.tiny.ca/bylawactivityreports)

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**Site 41 Perkinsfield Rally** <https://www.flickr.com/search/?text=site%2041%20%20perkinsfield>

**For the history of site 41** go to <http://tinycottager.org/articles/2009fall/fall2009small.pdf>

### Letters to the Editor

Phone number and address must be supplied for all letters to the editor

“Dumb bunny”

Sometimes in the past the above appellation may have been applied to you in a pejorative way because of something you did, but as I am about to tell you, the moniker was probably ill applied.

For almost all the time we have lived in southern Bradford, I have grown a patch of beans to provide the family with green/yellow beans during the summer and dry beans for the winter. Due to the vast number of hares abounding on our property (sufficient to have rabbit stew every other day in the year, if only my wife allowed me to hunt them), I fence that garden with a sturdy mesh that I found by the highway. I suspect that the mesh had fallen off a truck.

That fencing has been most effective in keeping the hares at bay. Over the years, the hares have often been seen hopping around the fence, probing for a way to get in. To them the visible, succulent



greenery must appear to be Edenesque. The lush green bean varieties, all with healthy leaves and pods, are agonizingly almost within reach.

Until this year the hares have been kept out. They failed to solve the fence.

Humans, every now and then, produce someone bright and/or unusual who comes along and makes humanity look at the world in a different way, be it a Darwin, Einstein, or Madame Curie. So too the hares. This year an ‘Einsteinian’ hare came along who solved the puzzle and is teaching the solution to others.

To remove the stones holding the netting in place, the hare ran repeatedly into the netting until the stones bounced off allowing it to crawl the underneath. To stop that method, I applied a layer of soil to the bottom four inches of the netting and that kept them out for almost a week. Then one morning I saw it chew a hole through the netting and slip inside. I tied up the netting and rested happily, until I discovered half the soya beans gone and another hole (one to get in, one to get out?). How can one not admire that animal?



Either the same hare or another bright one managed to eat my wheat plants despite the latter having a two-foot mesh around it. As observed, it simply reared on its hind legs and delicately scissored through the stems to eat them and the seed heads. By the time I saw that technique applied more than half the wheat was gone. In my ignorance I had blamed a deer (which I had seen come through the yard) for the damage. With the ground dry and hard there were no tell-tale tracks.

To return to where I started, if ever someone calls you a ‘dumb bunny’, just accept it with a knowing smile, because what they really said in their underestimation of you is that you are a strong analytical problem solver. Be ye like the hares.

Every Friday between 4:00 and 7:00 pm, caring and devoted people like you are gathering in small groups at "The Flow" on Country Rd. 27 in Elmvale, ON, as well as many intersections in Perkinsfield, Wyevalle and Waverley.

We are carrying signs to effectively publicize the critically important efforts to protect (once and for all) the "exceptional" water flowing underground in the Waverley Uplands. This groundwater has been tested for decades and is more pure than ancient Arctic ice; so pure that it has been determined by scientists, of differing specialties, to be the purest water on Earth.

What is most "time-sensitive" now, is that one of the aggregate companies wants to expand on French's Hill. This is where the aquifer recharges itself (recharge zone). This is where the almost magical process happens; the layers of sand and soil, gravel and sediment, the trees and other plants naturally filter the rainwater and surface water, making it so pure, you can drink it straight from the ground. This groundwater is being placed at a terrible risk, as the mining/digging will very likely destroy this "natural filtration" process.

Please come and help us make this more public. We have been writing to the Ontario Premier and the Ministries about this very important area that we must protect. We need our politicians to open their eyes and put on their listening ears for such an important cause as this one. There are numerous pits and quarries all over Ontario; we do not need to mine gravel here on French's Hill. Also: there is a 100+ year surplus of aggregate.

What's more, we are allowing aggregate companies to pump millions of litres per day of this pristine water, to wash gravel. We have people in Canada who live everyday with 'boil water' advisories, while we let gravel companies wash their gravel with this exceptional water?

This is the difference between right and wrong.

We are affectionately "relentless" in our desire to protect this very special water; a Universal Treasure.

Please come and join us. If you would like to buy a sign, they're \$10.00 (plus a donation if you like) and the money goes toward the legal defence fund. Please take a flyer home with important information at your fingertips.

Donna Deneault,  
Victoria Harbour

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*It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves. -Edmund Hillary, mountaineer and explorer (20 Jul 1919-2008)*

**Letter to the Editor**

No post-confederation government wanted to spend millions of dollars establishing residential schools for Aboriginal children when there were roads, railways, and hospitals to be built. But establishing the new schools became a priority because conditions on many reservations were bleak. Alcoholism weakened the fabric of the community and tore families apart. For any number of reasons the adults of the band would not or could not find work in the logging or mining camps in the area. Poverty led to despair and neglect.

The politicians at the time read the reports of the RCMP, social workers, and missionaries working on the reserves - the reports were dire. Parents did not encourage the children to attend school; consequently the young lacked the skills and training to find employment in the commercial industrial economy of mainstream Canada. Health concerns ranging from suicides to malnutrition to tuberculosis accounted for above average death rates in Native communities. On the reserves conditions were far from idyllic for the traditional economy based on hunting, trapping and fishing generated insufficient capital to even think of starting a business.

The members of parliament of the time thought they were providing a better option, a more promising future for Aboriginal youth than having them remain on the reserves. Had they offered residential, off reserve schools as an option for native children, the new schools and the education they offered might have worked well. And if the social workers had removed children from families which could not support them on a case by case basis then even the Indigenous community could have supported it. But the administrators had a different plan. Attendance at school became mandatory and the curriculum mandated was as Anglo European as it was in the rest of Canada. Of course the Native children brought up with different customs, language, and values were not receptive to the new schools. No accommodation in the curriculum to a different way of life was accepted. And if the reserve that the native children were living in was too small or too isolated to support a school then the children must be taken from their family and relocated.

The parliamentarians of the past were as caring and thoughtful as they are today. They understood that if the Aboriginal children were to prosper in a modern urban commercial setting then they must be given the skills and mindset to do well. I believe they had the best of intentions when they allocated millions of dollars for the education of native children. Exemplary residential schools such as Eaton, Winchester, and Harrow were well known to them, and leaving the newly established schools under the supervision of a Church, whether Anglican or Catholic, appeared to be a sensible administrative decision. With historical hindsight we know that the MPs were ill informed and careless in their oversight, but it was certainly not their intent to injure, abuse, or cause harm to children.

In order to effect reconciliation the Indigenous community should accept some responsibility for the emergence of residential schools; the governments of the time would not have spent millions if there were not a need. And in the spirit of reconciliation I would ask that Indigenous leaders not accuse past governments of genocide for the term is provocative challenging and inflammatory. Using - or misusing - such extreme rhetoric keeps us apart and interrupts the healing process.

Joffre McCleary

Dear editor,

For years, the fossil fuel industry and their political allies have sowed doubt about climate change and convinced the public that it’s an abstract, far away problem. This summer, many Canadians are realizing that was a dangerous lie. The BC heatwave was so intense that it killed hundreds of people and, right now, thousands of people are living in fear of wildfires raging across the country. The climate emergency is here and now. It’s time for our political leaders to take real action.

Prime Minister Trudeau talks like a climate leader, but he doesn’t act like one. Canada is still building pipelines and planning to expand fossil fuel production for decades to come. And Trudeau still hasn’t delivered the Just Transition Act he promised last election, legislation critical to phasing out fossil fuels in a way that puts workers and communities first.

I was glad to see 350.org launch the #CanadaOnFire campaign, which calls on Trudeau to take emergency-level action on the climate crisis instead of just talking about it. We have two demands:

An immediate moratorium on new fossil fuel approvals and a freeze on all fossil fuel projects under construction -- including the Trans Mountain pipeline.

Just Transition legislation to support impacted workers and communities, especially Indigenous and remote communities as we move towards a 100% renewable energy future.

Sincerely,  
Luane Dorion

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**RVH welcomes new family medicine resident physicians to residency program**

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) continues its important work of training new family doctors as another group of residents begin their final two years of training in the health centre's Family Medicine Teaching Unit (FMTU). The program, which is affiliated with the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine, recently welcomed nine new family medicine resident physicians to the FMTU's residency program.

"These residents will have the opportunity to practice medicine with a full caseload of patients while gaining invaluable knowledge as they work alongside RVH's many skilled physicians," says Dr. Christine Stewart, Site Director, Family Medicine Residency Program at RVH. "It is an extraordinary environment in which to learn to become well-rounded and well-trained family physicians."

Since the program began in 2009, 92 family medicine residents have trained 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.

"As a teaching hospital we merge education and healthcare excellence to have a significant, positive impact on our community. We are pleased to welcome these new residents," says Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO. "Many physicians who have completed their training at RVH have gone on to establish practices in the area which has helped meet some of the demand for family physicians. As we focus our efforts on increasing the teaching and research opportunities available at RVH, we plan to continue growing, and hopefully keeping, exceptional physicians in this region."

RVH welcomes Drs. Fatemeh Bakhtiari; Ovina Chow; Jivan Gill; Curtis Kelly; Timothy Lee; Anthony Parrell; Taylor Stanojev; Deidra Carr and Anshu Jassal.

In addition to welcoming the new residents, RVH also extends congratulations to the residents who graduated from the program this year including Drs. Mackenzie Chown; Gustavo Cordova; Stephanie Duquette; Lynda Ekeh; Mayer Grunfeld; Daniel Passafiume; Dominique Pike; Amanda Sauve; Dushyaan Sri Renganathan; Mark von Allmen; Taylor Ward-Able and Li Yin.



Nine new family medicine physician residents recently joined the Family Medicine Teaching Unit (FMTU) at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) to complete the final two years on their journey to becoming family physicians (back row, left to right) Drs. Ovina Chow, Curtis Kelly, Jivan Gill and Taylor Stanojev; (front row, left to right) Drs. Timothy Lee, Anshu Jassal, Fatemeh Bakhtiari, Deidra Carr and Anthony Parrell.



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**A Message from Doug Shipley, MP**

Summer is in full swing and we can enjoy all that the season has to offer in Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte as pandemic restrictions are lifted and we move into Step 3 of reopening Ontario!

There is so much to be optimistic about now. My calendar is thankfully filling with opening celebrations and ribbon cuttings for new businesses in our area. It is inspiring to see the enduring entrepreneurial spirit thriving in the hearts of many long-time residents and newcomers to our community.

This isn't all about business though. It's about so much more. People I talk to are excited to have family gatherings and connect with friends and loved ones they might have only spoken to by telephone or Zoom since early 2020.

Whether you are excited about dinner out to celebrate a special day, a shopping trip with your closest friends, a backyard BBQ or a pool party, returning to your place of worship, a haircut or a weekend camping or cottage getaway with your loved ones, I think there is something each of us is excited about.

What are you most excited about this summer? I love representing an area that has city streets and great downtown shopping, yet just minutes away I can find myself driving down a winding country road surrounded by farms filled with flourishing crops. There is nothing like stopping at a roadside stand or a local farm and buying produce so fresh it is still warm from the sun and being able to chat with a member of the family that has been harvesting those fields for generations.

I truly believe that Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte is one of the best places to put down roots. It's a great place to live, work and play.

Let's get out and enjoy this summer! Please remember the many local restaurants, unique retail stores, personal services and farmer's markets that are available to us and visit those local businesses that have been waiting so eagerly for customers to return. They need us now and our communities need them for years to come.

I wish you, your family and friends a happy and safe summer filled with many opportunities to appreciate those little things we have been missing for so long, all while staying safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Doug Shipley  
Member of Parliament  
Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte

**Sail Through Summer Pain Free**

Just when you think you're absolutely loving your time in the garden when you straighten up and feel a huge ouch in your lower back! To ease that pain, you can go for a 20 minute walk to help ease that lower back pain. Going for a walk will help release tension and muscle stiffness. And if you go for a stroll at least three times a week you can strengthen both your back and abdominal muscles!

If you are constantly on the go and start to feel your knees throbbing, snacking on a heaping cup of raspberries may spare you further discomfort. Raspberries help slow the production of pain-triggering compounds which help ease soreness more so than over the counter medications.

You wouldn't believe how serious people are when they tell you to drink some water. If you feel a headache coming on, all you may need is some quality H2O. I know it sounds so simple and if you're like me where you get headaches all the time, you're probably thinking, "Yeah. Ok." However researchers found that sipping just one cup of water can alleviate 65% of headaches within 30 minutes by replenishing much-needed fluid to the brain.

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**Province Enters Step Three of Roadmap to Reopen**

With key public health and health care indicators continuing to improve and the provincewide vaccination rate surpassing the targets outlined in the province's Roadmap to Reopen, the province of Ontario was able to move into Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen on Friday, July 16.

In order to enter Step Three, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 to 80 per cent of individuals 18 years or older with one dose and 25 per cent with two doses for at least two weeks, ensuring a stronger level of protection against COVID-19. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Ontario's health care partners, as of July 8, 2021, over 77 per cent of the population in Ontario ages 12 and over have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 50 per cent have received their second dose. More than 16.6 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered province wide.

Step Three of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 100 people with limited exceptions;
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted with physical distancing;
- Indoor dining permitted with no limits on the number of patrons per table with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect;
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities to open subject to a maximum 50 per cent capacity of the indoor space. Capacity for indoor spectators is 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is less. Capacity for outdoor spectators is

75 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 15,000 people, whichever is less;

- Indoor meeting and event spaces permitted to operate with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect and capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity or 1,000 people, (whichever is less);
- Essential and non-essential retail with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- Personal care services, including services requiring the removal of a face covering, with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- Museums, galleries, historic sites, aquariums, zoos, landmarks, botanical gardens, science centres, casinos/bingo halls, amusement parks, fairs and rural exhibitions, festivals, with capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity indoors and 75 per cent capacity outdoors;
- Concert venues, cinemas, and theatres permitted to operate at:
  - up to 50 per cent capacity indoors or a maximum limit of 1,000 people for seated events (whichever is less)
  - up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum limit of 5,000 people for unseated events (whichever is less); and up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum of 15,000 people for events with fixed seating (whichever is less).
- Real estate open houses with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres; and
- Indoor food or drink establishments where dance facilities are provided, including nightclubs and restobars, permitted up to 25 per cent capacity or up to a maximum limit of 250 people (whichever is less).

The province will remain in Step Three of the Roadmap for at least 21 days and until 80 per cent of the eligible

population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75 per cent have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70 per cent of their eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated. Other key public health and health care indicators must also continue to remain stable. Upon meeting these thresholds, the vast majority of public health and workplace safety measures, including capacity limits for indoor and outdoor settings and limits for social gatherings, will be lifted. Only a small number of measures will remain in place, including the requirement for passive screening, such as posting a sign, and businesses requiring a safety plan.

**Vanishing Barns: Remembering the 18<sup>th</sup> century gentle giants through photos, stories, diaries and genealogy.**



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 Ritchie's Feed or Simcoe County Museum.

**Vanishing Barns** - Cathy Walton has been researching barns in Flos and Vespra Townships (now Springwater) for the last six years and has published the results in the book "Vanishing Barns".

If you are interested in a copy, please contact Cathy at 705 728-1388 or [snow-flake53@mail.com](mailto:snow-flake53@mail.com).

**The DeGorter Barn - barn added in 1944**

Concession 2, S ½ Lot 24, Flos Township  
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**Owners**

1997-present Ed and Nancy (Kerr) DeGorter,  
 1983-1997 Glenn and Linda (Watson) Bowen  
 1978 Ed and Ada (Hargraves) Belcourt  
 1946-1978 Raymond and Doris (Maw) Ward  
 ~1914 Bill and Selina (Robinson) Ward  
 1877 Henry and Mary (Dixon) Robinson

**Built:** In 1944 a barn was moved here.  
**Features:** cement foundation, silo after 1967  
**Water Source:** large cistern under the barn bridge provided water for livestock, a pump in the house brought soft water from the cistern to the hot water tank, a well was between house and barn, a new 140' well was drilled in the 1960s

Prior to 1940 there was a small barn on the 100 acre farm. A lean-to was added to the first barn. A second barn was moved from Horseshoe Valley Road and the two barns were connected. Bill and Raymond Ward raised cows and pigs. Eggs were sold locally. Grain, wheat, corn and hay were grown.

Billy Ward loved pie. There would be contests at threshings to see who could eat the most pie and Billy often won.

*Ed and Nancy (Kerr) DeGorter, Tom Ward, Jim Ward, Peter Pilkey.*



Art Giffen and Raymond Ward



The barn to the right had the lean-to added and the barn to the left was moved here.



Steve Rawn, Russ Sage, Wee Willie (Billy Ward), Jack Pickering, Harry Giffen and Frank Kaiser. Jack Pickering built many barns in the area. (Courtesy Jim Ward)



When the barn was reconstructed there were nail holes in the roof that were not reused and the roof often leaked.



### Vaccination and adherence to public health measures key to Step 3 reopening success

SIMCOE MUSKOKA – Under Step 3, more indoor services may reopen with restrictions in place, and size limits for social gatherings and organized public events have increased to up to 100 people outdoors and up to 25 people indoors. Indoor dining may resume with added requirements such as active screening of all dine-in patrons along with capacity limited to a number that can physically distance. Retailers may open with a sign posted indicating their capacity limit to ensure physical distancing. Face masks should be worn if physical distancing indoors or outdoors cannot be maintained with people outside your household. Other indoor services and activities may resume with certain capacity limits, physical distancing and mask requirements including faith-based services, sport and fitness facilities, museums, theatres, cinemas and other entertainment venues.

“As we enter Step 3, it is still vital that we continue to follow the precautions necessary to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 in our area,” said Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for SMDHU. “To that end, I urge all individuals 12 years of age and older to get their full two-dose series of COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as they are able.”

SMDHU reminds the public to follow current public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including staying home when feeling ill, maintaining a physical distance of at least 2 metres from those living outside of your household, wearing a mask indoors and outdoors when physical distancing is not possible, covering your cough, and washing your hands regularly. To learn more about public health safety measures and reopening guidelines under Ontario’s Roadmap to Reopen Step 3, visit [smdhu.org/covid19](http://smdhu.org/covid19)

I’m hoping this message finds you well and greeting the continued reopening of our community well. I must say it is gratifying to see such a large and positive response to COVID public health measures including the level of vaccinations happening. All of this is helping to get us back to a pre-COVID normal.

As I write this message, every indication is that a federal election will be upon us soon. It may have even been announced by the time you read this. Just this past week (July 13 – 17) my party announced that the candidate selection process will be underway with the vote coming within only a few weeks, likely by the end of July. I am told that over 2,000 people signed up to participate in selecting the candidate. Membership sales for the purpose of candidate selection are now closed.

Every party employs a similar approach to candidate selection. Only party members of record have the ability to vote in candidate selection processes. We use a preferential ballot where members will vote for their 1st, 2nd 3rd and so on, choice, at one time, so there will be no “run-off” election; no necessity to attend a 2nd or 3rd balloting event.

At this point, at least four candidates are running to be the next Conservative candidate. I wish each of them well in their campaigns and for the efforts they have taken to sign up members and pursue this important role in our democratic process and in public service.

Once the election begins, Heather and I will be eager to join the new candidate in their campaign to become Simcoe North’s next MP.

As a possible election nears, my staff and I are preparing for the transition to the next MP. Our office in Orillia is open now for in-person appointments and drop-ins (575 West St S, Orillia, Unit 12) – 9 am to 4:30 pm. Twenty-one days after the election starts, our offices, in Midland and Orillia, will be effectively turned over to House of Commons administration. In this way, they will be available to the next MP to occupy immediately (furniture, computers and supplies in their entirety) after the election. If they wish to move in the future, of course they may do so.

As I close out this last, likely article in The Springwater News, I want to express my appreciation to Owner/Editor Michael Jacobs and his team for their contributions to news, events and outstanding journalism in our community and for giving me the chance to provide a perspective from time to time, on federal topics.

Finally, to you, avid readers of this journal, I thank you for supporting our local businesses in and around Springwater and Tiny Townships, Midland and Penetanguishene and Barrie area. Thank you for your always helpful and constructive dealings with me and my office these past five terms. It has been the honour of my lifetime to serve you. Until we meet again, Bruce

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### HEY DADS!

How is your relationship with your...appliances? Has it gone through a rough patch? Do you find there's only one-way communication? I understand.

Dishwasher. Vacuum cleaner. Washing Machine. Dryer. Stove. All appliances I've attempted to repair in the last few years. I've bought parts on Amazon. I've bought better parts from local appliance stores. I've paid appliance repairmen to come out and fix them. New appliances. Used appliances. It doesn't seem to make a difference. They all seem to break down at some point. Ours is a love-hate relationship.

The laundry room has been a source of contempt in the last year. This shouldn't be. With nine kids you can deduce that we spend a lot of time in our laundry room. Washing. Drying. Scraping crayons and stickers out of the dryer.

We also have a clothesline outside. That place where most clotheslines reside I would assume. I'm looking out the window right now at our clothesline. With clothes hanging on it. With the rain from last night dripping off of them. So it has its issues too. In the next issue of the Springwater News I'll tell you about the time our bedsheets were hanging out there real close to the ground and I thought I could just drive under them with the riding lawn mower.

Ah the dryer. Really I'm grateful for the thing. It's great on rainy days, winter days or any other days when the clothesline is out of commission for one reason or another. But it's been trouble for the last year. Ours is stacked. You know, stacked on top of the washing machine. Stacked tightly. Between two walls. In the bathroom. If there's trouble it means dragging/lifting/dropping it off the washer and finagling it somewhere with enough room to work around it. Now that I think about it, our bathroom is more of an appliance warehouse. Because to work on the washer or dryer you need to somehow get it around the two chest freezers we have squeezed in there too.

Has your dryer squeaked and squealed before? During my appliance apprenticeship on Youtube, I learned that it's the rollers inside the dryer making that sound. I'm sure all my neighbours now recognize the sound as it's been blasting on and off for a couple months.

Since the dryer was screaming away and most likely wouldn't fix itself, me and my (willing?) assistant – my oldest daughter Annabelle – hefted the dryer down and over to a workable spot. After my incident with the screw and the bike ramp (read about that at [heydads.ca](http://heydads.ca)) I was sure to wear work boots this time. Me and the boys pulled the dryer apart and changed the rollers. We only had to reference Youtube five times because we had swapped out these rollers before. LAST YEAR!

We managed to get the rollers in and the squeals disappeared as if by magic. And by sweat. Now clothes will be dried and the people will rejoice. Hopefully the boys and the girls learned a little bit about repairing appliances. I learned that we should probably own two dryers. Or fewer clothes. I didn't lose my cool and I learned about patience. That seems to be a theme as a dad wouldn't you say?

You've got what it takes dad! Dry those clothes and make every moment count!

Jason Weening fixes his own appliances in Minesing with 9 kids, 63 chickens and one wife. Read more family and appliance d-advice at [www.heydads.ca](http://www.heydads.ca).

### Elmvale BIA Business Highlights

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**Sports** with Patrick Townes

**Update**

It was a blast from the past for the Barrie Baycats in their third game of the season. After losing their season opener to the Hamilton Cardinals, the Baycats have now won two in a row by defeating the Cardinals and the Brantford Red Sox. Barrie pitching coach Brad Grieveson recorded the win, tossing seven and two-thirds innings in relief of starter Kevin Millar while allowing zero earned runs on four hits and zero bases on balls. He last pitched for the Baycats in 2005 and was added to the active roster following some injuries to the pitching staff. Grieveson plays for the Ivy Leafs in the North Dufferin Baseball League and obviously has not missed a beat.

Due to the pandemic, the Baycats are relying heavily on local talent to fill out the roster this year. After a brief exchange with Brad Grieveson at the start of the season, expectations are still sky high. Grieveson agreed to do an interview for the article and this will be posted in the next edition. Jake Wilson, who plays for Bowling Green State University, has had three hits in each of his first two games, one being an inside the park homerun. Wilson, who is noted as one of the best defensive centre fielders in college baseball, is leading the way at the top of the lineup.

Toronto Blue Jays' manager Charlie Montoya must have read the previous issue of the Springwater News, after he was tossed out of a game last week against the Tampa Bay Rays for arguing balls and strikes. A team needs to know their coach is behind them, and by getting in the umpire's face once in a while, the players support this and know their manager has their backs. The Jays are off to a hot start after the all-star break and have an important series coming up against the Red Sox. This series could make or break the season and really have an influence on what the team does at the trade deadline. Targets will be a closer, a third baseman, a catcher and a starting pitcher or two. Seems like a big wish list, but there should be players out there to fill these spots heading into the last third of the schedule. The Blue Jays are headed back to Toronto. Watching the last game in Buffalo, one would have thought they would have acknowledged the fans before leaving Buffalo for the last time. The Blue Jays now feature a state of the art stadium and facility for the AAA Bisons. This should help the development of the players in the future.

The pandemic has been a very trying time for everyone. There have been many added stresses as people adjust their lives to staying indoors, not visiting or seeing loved ones, and not being able to play or watch sports. Leagues like the Simcoe Rural Fastball League have now organized a shortened season based on abiding by strict rules from the Province and the return to play protocols put out by the Ontario Amateur Softball Association. It is times like these where we need to sit back and recognize the important of volunteers, executives and boards that run all the leagues across the area and the Province. It takes a lot to run a season during normal circumstances, but during the pandemic the season has been organized in quick order and there are tons of rules and regulations that need to be considered and implemented in order to play one of the sports we all love at the local level. Please take care and respect the rules that have been provided. Some leagues (outside of Springwater) have already been tarnished by people falsely filling out tracking paperwork saying they were out of Province and have been in contact with people who have Covid-19, when this has not been the case. This paperwork is serious and the people behind the scenes have spent a lot of effort organizing the league and the paperwork in order to make things happen. Be respectful of these efforts and do not take it for granted. Volunteers are the key to any sport at the amateur level.

Well, not all teams were able to play games the last couple of weeks thanks to mother nature. The U10 division played both games on Wednesday of last week and were able to get in all games on Sunday, July 11th. All games were close with 2 ties and then Team Iota and Team Mu taking one win each.



The U13 division was rained out on Tuesday, July 13th, but were able to get all games played on Sunday, July 18th. Team Epsilon played well with 2 wins, while Team ETA and Team Theta both had one win each.

The U16 division have been great sports about the weather since the division began back to play. Their first week was rained out and that game will be played at a later date. They were able to get both games played the next 2 weeks with one win each from both Team Gamma and Team Delta. Team Beta has taken the lead with 2 wins of 2 games played. Each of the 4 teams will play 2 games each on Sunday, July 25th at the Hillsdale Community Centre.

There are still many games left to be played. A big thank you to players and parents for following Covid-19 safety protocols and social distancing.  
Good luck to all teams next week! Let's Play Ball!

Parker: Which baseball player makes flapjacks?  
Jackson: I don't know.  
Parker: The batter!



**BARRIE** - The Barrie Baycats Baseball Club announced today that we have signed catcher/corner outfielder Jake MacDonald for the remainder of the 2021 season.

MacDonald, 24, joins the Baycats after wrapping up a successful season for the Solingen Alligators in the German Bundesliga.

In 10 games, MacDonald batted .366-.400-.707 with three home runs, good enough for a whopping on-base plus slugging percentage (OPS) of 1.107.

The Texas A&M University-Texarkana alumni also added in three stolen bases for good measure.

In 2020, MacDonald also suited up in 10 games for the Alligators, batting .300-.361-.667 with three home runs and four stolen bases.

Prior to his professional career in Germany, MacDonald suited up for the Edmonton Prospects of the Western Canadian Baseball League in 2019, Canada's premier summer collegiate baseball league.

That summer, the White Rock, BC native batted .247-.321-.384 to go along with three home runs and a pair of stolen bases.

His season with the Prospects came off the heels of his college career, where, in his senior season, he enjoyed a successful season at Texas A&M University-Texarkana in the NAIA.

That year, MacDonald, whose right-handed bat will provide some much-needed balance in the Baycats' lineup, batted .317-.403-.425, good enough for an OPS of .828.

Baycats director of player procurement, who recruited MacDonald to the Baycats, says he is excited to add MacDonald's pro bat to the Baycats' lineup.

"I'm ecstatic to add Jake to our ball club, both offensively and defensively. He is an offensively gifted player, with power to all fields. He will also help our pitching staff behind the plate and with our running game. Our organization is very proud to add Jake not only because of his play, but because of his leadership and personality."

MacDonald says he is excited to resume his baseball career in Canada.

"After playing all over the world, I've always dreamt of coming back to Canada to play at an elite level. I am super excited to be joining the Baycats this season. I can't wait to be a part of the next championship in Barrie"

In corresponding moves, we have released pitcher Cole White and infielder Jalir Bentacourt Lopez, while catcher Anthony Quirion has signed with the Philadelphia Phillies as a free agent!

The Baycats Baseball Club would like to congratulate Quirion on signing with the Phillies and wish him nothing but the best as he begins his professional career.

For more information, follow the Baycats on Facebook and Twitter at @iblbaycats, on Instagram at @barriebaycats, and on Youtube at Barrie Baycats TV.

**BARRIE** - With a tremendous amount of bittersweetness, the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club announced today that right fielder Ryan Spataro has retired after a legendary 15-year career.

The greatest player in franchise history and the most impactful, complete player in Intercounty Baseball League [IBL] history, Spataro retires after 429 regular-season games played in which he recorded franchise records all over the place.

His 1,806 at-bats, 667 hits, 106 doubles, 20 triples, 225 bases on balls, 918 total bases, and 211 stolen bases are all franchise records that will never be topped again.

His 211 stolen bases are also an IBL record.

A former draft pick of the Minnesota Twins, Spataro joined the Baycats in 2005, winning the regular-season MVP and batting title in his first season while leading the Baycats to their first-ever Jack and Lynne Dominico Cup that same year.

Spataro would go on to win the MVP again in 2010, the same year he won his second league batting title.

The right fielder, who possessed the best arm in IBL history, added to his resume in the 2019 playoffs when he captured his first-ever playoff MVP award.

In the 2019 playoffs, which turned out to be Spataro's swan song, the legendary right fielder, who was named among the IBL's top 100 players of all-time in 2017, batted .519-.581-.907 with three home runs, including a lead-off home run in the championship-clinching game six in Kitchener.

Spataro, who also hit a lead-off home run in the championship-clinching game in Kitchener in 2017, tallied a staggering on-base plus slugging of 1.448 in the 2019 playoffs.

The unquestioned leader and heart and soul of the Baycats for the last 15 years, Spataro leaves the Baycats with seven championships, a regular-season MVP award, a playoff MVP award, one batting title, and 13 all-star nominations, with eight of them being first-team nominations.

Spataro, whose iconic championship-winning catch in London in 2014 will forever go down in Baycats history as the greatest catch in franchise history, thanked the Baycats while reflecting on a legendary 15-year career.

"It is with mixed emotions that I will be announcing my retirement from my baseball career. It has been an amazing 15 years with the best organization of the IBL, the Barrie Baycats. I can still remember my first practice with the Baycats at the Sports Dome, where bonds were formed instantly with well-known Baycats legends and hearing about the dominant Angus Roy, who would soon be joining the 2005 team. It was that year that I fell back in love with baseball. Playing with guys like Bissell, Borgo, Davis, Newitt, Lundberg, McCord, Latour, and many more enabled me to realize this game was about emotion and fun, and not necessarily a job. That 2005 year was a prime example of when you have 25 guys who all get along, love the game, and play as a team, is stronger



**SCHEDULE**

Thursday, July 22	7:30pm	Barrie Baycats	VS	Hamilton Cardinals	Coates Stadium
Saturday, July 24	7:00pm	Barrie Baycats	VS	Brantford Red Sox	Coates Stadium
Sunday, July 25	3:05pm	Barrie Baycats	AT	London Majors	Labatt Memorial Park
Sunday, July 25	7:35pm	Barrie Baycats	AT	London Majors	Labatt Memorial Park
Tuesday, July 27	7:30pm	Barrie Baycats	VS	Kitchener Panthers	Coates Stadium
Thursday, July 29	7:30pm	Barrie Baycats	VS	Toronto Maple Leafs	Coates Stadium
Friday, July 30	7:35pm	Barrie Baycats	AT	Hamilton Cardinals	Bernie Arbour Memorial Stadium
Saturday, July 31	7:00pm	Barrie Baycats	VS	Welland Jackfish	Coates Stadium
Sunday, Aug. 1	2:00pm	Barrie Baycats	AT	Kitchener Panthers	Jack Couch Park
Wednesday, Aug. 4	8:00pm	Barrie Baycats	AT	Brantford Red Sox	Arnold Anderson Stadium

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## Honduras Update

### Canadian and United States Delegation to Honduras One-Year Anniversary of Garifuna Leaders' Disappearance

#### OFRANEH Wins Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award Canadian/US Delegation to Honduras

On September 13-14, 2021, the trial of Edwin Espinal and Raul Alvarez will be heard by the National Jurisdiction Court in Tegucigalpa Honduras. Edwin and Raul are two of hundreds of human rights defenders, environmental defenders, teachers, healthcare workers and concerned Honduran citizens who took to the streets to protest the illegal election of Juan Orlando Hernandez in November 2017.

This upcoming trial of Edwin and Raul is extremely important for it acts as a signature case that represent political prisoners and marginalized individuals that were criminalized following the 2017 elections. All still must go weekly to sign before a judge as they, like Edwin and Raul, await their trials for speaking against the Juan Orlando Hernandez government. To bring continued attention to this September trial, the Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor is organizing a Canadian delegation to Honduras for the week of September 13, 2021.

The Canadian delegation will be accompanied by a Canadian photographer and videographer who will provide a report on the actions of the delegation; the delegation members will be attending the trial and also meeting with Honduran human rights groups and government officials. US citizens affiliated with the Honduras Solidarity Network and Cross Border Networks may also attend this delegation. All Canadian COVID-19 protocol will be followed throughout the delegation trip. The dates of the delegation will be announced in early August 2021.

The delegation will attend meetings with the Canadian and United States Embassy representatives, the President of the Honduran Supreme Court, the Committee for the Convergence Against Re-election, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the National Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners.

The SCHRM delegation will also meet with the eleven Pimienta political prisoners from the electoral crisis, many of whose community and family members have been seriously affected by the late November 2020 hurricanes. We will also set up meetings with the Municipal Committee in Defense of Common and Public Goods that are advocating for the eight Guapinol water and land defenders' release from prison. These environmental defenders have been imprisoned in pre-trial detention since 2019 for defending the Guapinol River and their water source from the mining actions of the Honduran company, Inversiones Los Pinares. This company has strong ties to the US Nucor Corporation. Both are involved in iron ore extraction and are mining on protected indigenous lands.

#### One-Year Anniversary of the Disappearance of Garifuna Leaders

July 18, 2021, marks the one-year anniversary of the disappearance of four Garifuna indigenous leaders and land defenders. In the early hours of the morning, the men were taken at gunpoint out of their homes by 30 DPI (Police Investigation Directorate) trained forces in their communities of Triunfo de la Cruz, Honduras. The men who were kidnapped belong to the indigenous group called OFRANEH, the Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras that supports the indigenous communities' struggles on the north coast and Garifuna community



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members living in other parts of Honduras.

Since the largest population of Garifuna residents live in beautiful communities on the coastal waters of the Caribbean Sea, the lands are highly sought after by tourism companies; many are Canadian, such as NJOI based in Newmarket Ontario, and Banana Coast and Carivida Villas operated by Randy Jorgensen from Saskatchewan. In our previous article, we touched further on this Canadian tourism land grabbing issue, where this area of the north coast is often referred to as 'Little Canada.' OFRANEH is also combatting international and Honduran African palm companies that are illegally possessing their lands.

OFRANEH is supported by Canadian Public Service Alliance of Canada, Rights Action, Toronto and others that understand the importance of supporting the struggles of indigenous communities at home in Canada and abroad. This week, international and Honduran human rights organizations and the Honduran people are demonstrating their support outside the Ministerio Publico (Public Ministry) in downtown Tegucigalpa. They demand an investigation into the disappearance of the four men and justice for the perpetrators of the kidnapping.

These heinous crimes go unpunished as many are not even investigated by the police, the justice system, or government authorities. Similarly, Raul Alvarez was attacked in his neighbourhood in early 2021 and almost died from severe stab wounds to his stomach, hands, and legs. He regularly goes to the police station to inquire about an investigation, but nothing has been done, despite there being a video of the brutal attack. The police know the attacker's name and where he lives, but no arrest has been made. Many believe this was a planned attack related to his human rights work and his political affiliation with the Libre Party, the opposition to the National Party, led by President Juan Orlando Hernandez.

#### OFRANEH Wins Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award

On October 13, 2021, OFRANEH (Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras) will receive the prestigious 45th Annual Letelier Moffitt Award for their human rights advocacy. According to the organizers of the award, the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), OFRANEH is a "leading voice in Honduras for the self-determination and dignity of the Garifuna people in Honduras, a matrilineal people who are both Indigenous and Afro-descendent, whose ancestral territory in Honduras is principally along the northern coast and under constant threat from African palm plantations, Canadian and U.S. tourist operations, mining, energy projects, and drug trafficking." Miriam Miranda, General Coordinator of OFRANEH will be accepting the award. For more information on this award, refer to: <https://ips-dc.org/events/>

SCHRM congratulates OFRANEH for winning this award and for their continued work in human rights. During the 2019 Canadian delegation to Honduras, leaders of OFRANEH hosted a day of workshops, tours, and festivities to welcome our group and to inform us about the issues indigenous communities are facing in Honduras. (See two photos of the 2019 delegation attached, at the beach on disputed Garifuna land in Trujillo and on our last night in Tegucigalpa)

SCHRM thanks the community of Springwater and beyond for your support. If you are interested in attending the proposed September delegation to Honduras, please reach us at: [janetspring7@gmail.com](mailto:janetspring7@gmail.com) or 705-734-4238.

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## Heading on one of these 5 adventures this summer?

### Here's how to keep Fido safe

Stouffville, ON (July 15, 2021) – As COVID-19 lockdowns loosen and summer fun begins, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society reminds anyone with a furry family member not to forget about their needs to keep them safe during hot weather.

Planning on heading out to one of these summer hot spots? Here's what you need to know:

- 1. Patios** – If you're planning on hitting a dog-friendly patio, make sure your canine companion is comfortable around strangers and other dogs. You'll want to make sure they have shade at all times and are comfortable. Bring a portable bowl and some water to ensure they have access to cool water.
- 2. Beaches** – If your dog loves the water, the beach might be barking up the right tree when choosing an adventure. Check to ensure the beach allows dogs and what the rules are regarding leashes. Be mindful of hot sand, which can burn your dog's sensitive paws. A tent or cabana for shade is important, and always bring a portable bowl and ensure your dog always has access to clean, fresh water – not the lake water.
- 3. Parks** – Planning on going to the park? Choose the coolest part of the day – the morning or early evening. Walking on sidewalks during the heat of the day can burn Fido's sensitive paws! And if you're planning a game of frisbee when you get there, watch for signs of overexertion or heat exhaustion.
- 4. Cottaging** – Ensure your pooch is up-to-date on their vaccines and parasite control, and keep them on a leash at all times. Dogs can wander off and become lost in unfamiliar areas, get hit by cars, or get into altercations with wild animals. A collar and up-to-date microchip are also important in case they get lost.
- 5. Road trips** – If you're heading out on an adventure by car, confine your dog in the back seat in either a carrier or pet seatbelt for their safety and yours. Make sure you pack everything you'll need for rest stops, including bowls, food and water. Plan your stops around pet-friendly locations, and never leave your dog unattended in a vehicle during hot weather!

"Our animals depend on us to look out for them," says Jennifer Blum, Acting Chief, Animal Protection Services, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. "As we get back to doing the things we enjoy, keep the safety and comfort of your furry friends in mind so that we can all have a safe and fun summer." For more animal health and safety tips, visit [ontariospca.ca](http://ontariospca.ca)

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## GBGH announces next step in resuming visitation to enhance the patient and family experience

Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is continuing to gradually expand visitation to enhance the patient and family experience. Effective July 14, GBGH is allowing two visitors at a time for inpatients within the set visiting hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This is an increase from one visitor per patient per day at a scheduled visitation time. Inpatient visits will no longer need to be booked in advance during specific blocks of time.

“GBGH is very pleased to announce we are continuing to gradually increase visitation as local cases of COVID-19 have decreased in the past few weeks,” says Gail Hunt, president and CEO, GBGH. “It is never easy for hospitals to limit visitation as we know how much it improves patient outcomes and experience. Decision made about visitation are always carefully considered based on local case data and maintaining the safety of patients and the GBGH team. We look forward to eventually resuming 24/7 family presence once it is deemed safe to do so, and in line with provincial guidance.”

Visitation for outpatients is also changing for the first time since the pandemic began. GBGH will now permit one visitor per patient in the following areas: Emergency department, Ambulatory Care, Diagnostic Imaging and Day Surgery.

Exceptions to visitor restrictions include visitation for a palliative/actively dying patient. In palliative cases, GBGH will allow up to four visitors at a time, as coordinated with the care team. Birthing patients are also permitted two visitors at a time for as long as they require assistance.

All permitted visitors will continue to be screened upon entering the hospital. Any visitor who screens positive for COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to not visit. In exceptional circumstances (such as a support person for a woman in labour, a parent/guardian of a child in the Emergency department or a palliative/end of life patient), a visitor who screens positive for symptoms will be reviewed by GBGH’s infection prevention and control practitioner or hospital coordinator prior to entry.

All visitors must comply with hand hygiene practices, wear a hospital-provided mask and follow physical distancing. Visitors could also be asked to wear additional personal protective equipment as determined by the care team based on a patient’s condition.

Visitor guidelines are subject to change based on the status of the pandemic within the region GBGH serves.

For more information, please visit <http://gbgh.on.ca/covid-19-visitor-restrictions/>.

## Northern dogs welcomed into the Ontario SPCA’s adoption program after 1,600-km road trip

Midland, ON (July 12, 2021) – A group of Northern dogs have arrived at the Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre after travelling close to 1,600 kilometres to meet loving families waiting to adopt them through the Society’s adoption program.

A total of seven dogs came into the care of the Ontario SPCA through the Second Chance Pet Network in Dryden, marking the first transfer initiative of the year from Northern Ontario. Four of the dogs will be available for adoption through the Midland & District Animal Centre in the coming weeks, while the other dogs will be adopted through the Ontario SPCA Sudbury & District Animal Centre.

A lack of access to basic animal wellness services, such as veterinarians and spay/neuter services, has contributed to an increase in dog populations across Northern Canada. The Ontario SPCA and its partners in the Animal North Network work alongside communities to deliver much-needed resources, such as food and mobile wellness services, and to manage dog populations by bringing free-roaming community dogs into the adoption program to prevent potentially unwanted puppies and to keep communities safer.

“Everyone has a role to play in creating a healthy community for animals and people,” says Arista Wogenstahl, Transfer Team Lead, Animal Protection Services, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. “We are excited to be working with our partners in Northern communities to support these dogs and continue to address the root of dog population challenges.”

Interested in adopting? Visit [ontariospca.ca](http://ontariospca.ca) to meet animals available for adoption. To learn more about the Ontario SPCA’s work in the North, visit [animalnorthnetwork.ca](http://animalnorthnetwork.ca).

*The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is a registered charity, established in 1873. The Society and its network of communities facilitate and provide for province-wide leadership on matters relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals and the promotion of animal well-being. Offering a variety of mission-based programs, including community-based sheltering, animal wellness services, provincial animal transfers, shelter health & wellness, high-volume spay/neuter services, animal rescue, animal advocacy, Indigenous partnership programs and humane education, the Ontario SPCA is Ontario’s animal charity.*

## RVH moves to next step of visitor restrictions

With COVID-19 case counts declining, and in alignment with the province moving to Step 3 of its reopening plan, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) is moving to the next step of its family presence/visitor policy.

Beginning Friday, July 16, all admitted patients are allowed one visitor per day, for one hour, seven days a week.

While there are exceptions in place for compassionate grounds, critically ill patients, birthing mothers and paediatric patients, the general guidelines are as follows:

- o Patients will appoint two designated visitors. Those not on the patient’s list will not be permitted
  - o Visitors must be over the age of 16 and must pass screening upon entry and show identification
  - o Visitors must wear a hospital-issued mask at all times
  - o Visitation hours on inpatient units are seven days a week between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Visitation hours on the child and youth mental health inpatient unit are seven days a week between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
  - o Visits must be pre-booked no later than 6 a.m. of the day of the visit by calling the inpatient unit directly
  - o Visitors must go directly to the patient unit, and with the exception of designated bathrooms, are only permitted in the patient room and not common areas within the building
  - o Outpatients, including day surgery, endoscopy, cancer centre, may have one support person with them if assistance is required
  - o Emergency Department patients are allowed one designated visitor, at the discretion of the care team depending on availability of space and distancing
- Please note, RVH endeavors to accommodate as many visitor requests as possible, however, the safety of patients and staff remains the top priority and capacity and physical distancing requirements are still in place. Visitation schedules are subject to change depending on capacity or the pandemic. For more information visit [www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca)

## Community Health Hub soon to Launch a Coffee Cart Program and the Huronia Community Foundation is First to Donate in Support

Waypoint is launching a new Coffee Cart Employment Program at the Community Health Hub this fall. The Coffee Cart Program has been in the works for a couple of years, Jill Woodley, Jennifer Perriault and Anna Huson developed the plan to start the new program when Waypoint Outpatient Services moved into the Community Health Hub last May. Unfortunately, Covid 19 delayed the start. The purpose of the Coffee Cart Program is to provide community clients’ training in customer service, cash handling and food service. This in-vivo training is supported through evidence-based research and is an important step in training, assessing and enhancing job readiness skills. The program will operate out of the Community Health Hub, and will serve staff, clients, as well as the public.

The cart itself was beautifully crafted by Marcelleville, using wood from a tree that was removed during the construction of the Community Health Hub. In addition to the new trees that have been planted, this locally crafted piece honours this beautiful space dedicated to the mental and physical wellbeing of our community. The coffee cart logo was designed by Recreation Therapist Adam Vassair. Many thanks to all who have worked hard to make this program a reality. A special thank-you to the Huronia Community Foundation and the Tom and Lucille Gay Memorial Fund for the wonderful donation in support of this program. The Coffee Cart Program is set to launch in September.



**La transition d’une entreprise vers un nouveau propriétaire présente toujours des défis.** Comment faire pour trouver la bonne combinaison tout en garantissant la confidentialité de la recherche? Quels sont les facteurs clés pour le personnel et les clients? Comment faire pour assurer une transition harmonieuse vers la nouvelle gestion? Chez BizLink, nous possédons les connaissances locales pour vous aider à réussir la transition et nous sommes prêts à partager notre vaste expérience pour aider au succès des deux parties. **Communiquez avec nous aujourd’hui!**

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**Georgian statement re: Fall 2021  
return to campus activity**

Dear students and colleagues,  
On Friday, we received new direction from our Ministry of Colleges and Universities regarding plans for Fall 2021 and a resumption of on-campus activity. Shelley Tapp, Deputy Minister, wrote to advise that “assuming the continued progress of provincewide vaccination rates and continued improvements in key public health and health care indicators, it is anticipated that all in-person instruction and on-campus activities at PSE institutions would be permitted to resume without capacity limits of physical distancing requirements starting in Fall 2021.”

Our Deputy Minister further indicated, “I want to emphasize that PSE institutions continue to have the flexibility to deliver academic instruction in the mode that best suits the needs of students and institutions including virtual and hybrid delivery models.” The ministry will release an updated framework in early August, to ensure alignment with the most current public health and safety guidance and advice for September 2021 and onwards.

This is welcome news and something we have been looking forward to and planning for!

Our students have made their plans for the fall and in keeping with our commitment to them, our academic delivery schedule will remain the same for Fall 2021 and include a combination of remote online and in-person delivery. Georgian students and employees can expect a gradual increase in on-campus activity as the semester progresses. We will soon post what services will be available either in-person, online or both as well as what to expect when you return to campus.

As required, we will update our health and safety protocols to align with our Ministry framework as well as our local public health unit requirements. They’ve served us well because you’ve followed them so rigorously. Please remember Georgian has a number of resources to help you manage your mental health, should you require support. Visit the student or employee portals for more information.

Working together, we’ve adjusted and adapted throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so, always keeping our students at the centre of our decision making and doing all that we can to ensure their health, safety and ultimate success. As more information is available and decisions are made, we’ll be sure to update you regularly.

In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated – it will bring us all back together faster.

**Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie looking for superheroes for this year’s in-person Walk A Mile**

Barrie Ontario, July 19th, 2021 - You have the power to save the day and bring awareness to the serious causes, effects, and remediation of gender-based violence. The 2021 Walk A Mile, hosted by the Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie, is a fun, friendly and inclusive afternoon where individuals, families, colleagues and community groups come together for fresh-air, exercise, and most essential, fundraise. Dress up as your favourite superhero, put on a cape, or come as you are!



“We are so excited to welcome our community back to our first in-person event since the beginning of the pandemic,” said Katie Taylor, Development Manager. “This year’s superhero theme symbolizes the resiliency of the women and children we service, our compassionate and dedicated staff, and our powerful community that rallies behind us. We rely heavily on community donations to continue to expand and offer all programming and services for free to our increasingly growing demands.”

**Walk A Mile**

**Presented by:** Royal LePage First Contact Realty

**Hosted by:** Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie

**Date:** Saturday, September 11th  
**Venue:** Mapleview Community Church  
**Starting pledge:** \$25  
**Registration:** 11:00 – 11:45am  
**Opening Remarks & Kick-off Ceremony:** 11:45 – 12:00 p.m.  
**Walk begins:** 12:00 p.m.



Walk a Mile is an annual Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie signature event that raises funds and awareness to end violence against women. More information on the event, sponsorship opportunities, and to register as an individual or team online please visit [www.barrieshelter.com](http://www.barrieshelter.com). By focusing on the positive aspect of a community coming together around this topic, the Walk strives to empower individuals to take a stand against gendered violence. Be a superhero, save a life.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of The Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie providing a safe and secure refuge for abused women and their children in Simcoe County. We are a 27 bed facility offering 24 hour emergency and residential support. Funds raised from this event provide shelter, individual counselling, legal advocacy, housing transition services, a 24-hour crisis line, group support, and public education programs, all in the effort of creating the best life for women escaping abuse.

**Barrie Police Chief named Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces**

The Barrie Police Service is proud to announce that Chief Kimberley Greenwood has been appointed as an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, an honour presented on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen by the Governor General of Canada.

The Order of Merit of the Police Forces was established in October 2000 to recognize a commitment to this country and to honour a career of exceptional service or distinctive merit displayed by officers or civilians of Canadian Police Services. Through their activities, Members, Officers and Commanders of the Order bring distinction to policing and support the concept of police cooperation in public service. The primary focus is on exceptional merit through contributions to policing, community development and fostering relationships among police forces in Canada and throughout the world and between police and the community.



On behalf of the Barrie Police Services Board, I offer our congratulations to Chief Greenwood for this recognition,” said Barrie Police Services Board Chair Greg Ferguson. “Throughout her career, Chief Greenwood has demonstrated her commitment to the communities she has served and the policing profession. We are extremely honoured to work alongside her and thank her for her dedication.”

Chief Greenwood began her career with the Toronto Police Service in 1981 and served in a variety of roles in the organization, before joining the Barrie Police Service as Chief in 2013.

In addition to today’s honour, Chief Greenwood has received the Police Officers Exemplary Service Medal and Bar, as well as the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal. Jennett Mays



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**ELMVALE & MIDHURST ARE OPEN!**



Welcome back the Elmvalle Branch and Midhurst. **MASKS MUST** be worn at all times when inside the library with adherence to Covid-19 protocols as posted on our website and inside libraries.

**Minesing branch: Thursday curbside service only.**

Computers are available for ½ hour timeslot a day and require pre-booking.

Curbside is still available by contacting staff.

For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

### TD KIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Hey summer readers, we are so excited for a summer filled with reading, prizes and FUN! Don't forget to sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club through ReadSquared on our website.

1. Keep track of your reading on ReadSquared to win chocolate, frosters, frosties, light wands and more!

**Registration is now open.**

2. ALSO, **Beginning July 6th**, when kids check out 2 or more books, they also can request a weekly treat. (One per child, per week).

Let the reading begin! Check our website for details

**Cost: FREE**

For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

### YOUNG ADULT BOOK TRIVIA EVENT JULY 19th- AUGUST 1st



Do your best and test your knowledge on our selection of YA books to earn points! Log onto ReadSquared to find our quiz in your events calendar. Enter the secret code at the end of the quiz and the points are yours!

**Cost: FREE**

For more information please see our website: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

### GET UP & GROOVE KIDS

**TUESDAY, Video available as of JULY 20, VIRTUAL**



Can be viewed after release date as part of Summer Reading Program. Feeling lazy in the Summer sun? Shake-it-out and join Miss Anjelique for a chance to get up and groove! By participating in this dance class,

you can also earn points towards your next prize for the Summer Reading Program. ! This dance is easy to follow with simple instructions, and a beat made for movin' and groovin'. So, get ready to move-it! Visit our website or ReadSquared for more details.

**Cost: FREE**

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Craving adventure and a good story? This Summer, Springwater Libraries is creating a StoryWalk® for all to enjoy! Partake in a safe

and family friendly activity as you stroll along a path following the pages of a book. Learn about animals, shapes, and friendship and at the end of your walk, you can scan the QR code to be registered for a chance to win a sweet prize! There are two different stories to follow and enjoy on the following

**Mondays: July 26** Wye River Trail (between Heritage Park and Bishop) & Stone Manor Trail, **August 2** Minesing (Foyston Park Trail) & Hillsdale Community Park, **August 9** Anten Mills Community Park & Hunter Russell Trail.

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For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

### TOP SECRET SPY KITS



Kids, are you willing to take on this mission? We have put together fabulous fun Spy kits for kids to hone in on their detective skills. Each kit provides a series of challenges for 2 sleuths to complete. Adults, some

easy prep work with provided materials is required for the setup of this challenge. Spy Kits are available starting July 20th, while quantities last.

Cost: \$10/bag, ages 4+ (each bag provides for 2 children)

For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)



### WOWZA! FOR KIDS! TUESDAY, JULY 27TH

Summer is the perfect time to go outside and have some fun with our crazy scientist program! We've got a monthly July and August experiment you can follow along with for a colourful and explosive time you won't soon forget!

**Cost: FREE**

For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)



### FROG CRAFT AVAILABLE JULY 29TH

Jump into some summer fun with this frog craft! Available at all three branches, you can call to reserve your bag of materials as supplies are limited!

Pick up your kits starting **Thursday July 29th.**

**Cost: FREE, ages 5+**

For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

### MISS ANJELIQUE'S COOKIE CORNER TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD



Looking for some new treat inspiration? Or are you finally tired of being told you can't eat the cookies before they've baked? Join us live on Facebook to learn how to make three different flavours of edible cookie dough, all made to enjoy!

Grab the simple ingredients from your kitchen and get ready to enjoy the yumminess!

**Cost: FREE**

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### HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?



Want to get summer reading program mission points and prizes? Write a short story (500 words or less) and submit it - yes! It's that EASY! Your story can be about ANYTHING! Robots, princesses, animals, space ships, people - let your imagination take us all on an adventure with you because in the fall we will turn your story into one that Miss Amanda reads for her online YouTube storytime!!! In addition, we encourage you to submit your own artwork of castles/buildings or characters in your story and those can be used to help animate your story! We are so EXCITED to read what you write!

**Deadline for submissions is Friday August 13.**

**Cost: FREE**

For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

### CREATIVE SENIORS – SHIBORI/TIE DYE WORKSHOP TUESDAY AUGUST 24, 1-2 PM (Advance notice)

Join us online for a fun, minimal mess shibori/tie dye workshop. You will design 4 unique dinner napkins in shades of blue or gray. Each dinner napkin will be dyed using a different shibori/tie dye technique. Be amazed at the stunning patterns you will create using very simple tools. Please contact your local branch to register and to pick up your free Shirbori/Tie Dye kit. Thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their generous support. Space is limited.

**Cost: FREE**

For more information: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca)

### ZOOM HELP AT THE SPRINGWATER LIBRARY



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**Cost: FREE**

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For more information on the new column "Home Based Businesses" email the Springwater News [swnews@rogers.com](mailto:swnews@rogers.com)



## Springwater Public Library's Creative Seniors Program

**Launched June 22nd**

Elmvalle, ON – Springwater Township Public Library (STPL) is pleased to announce that its Creative Springwater program launched on June 22nd, thanks to the \$28,800 Seed grant the Township of Springwater received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) in 2020. The program tests a new delivery model for seniors by linking them directly to local professional artists through virtual workshops and tours. Workshop supplies will be provided directly to participants.

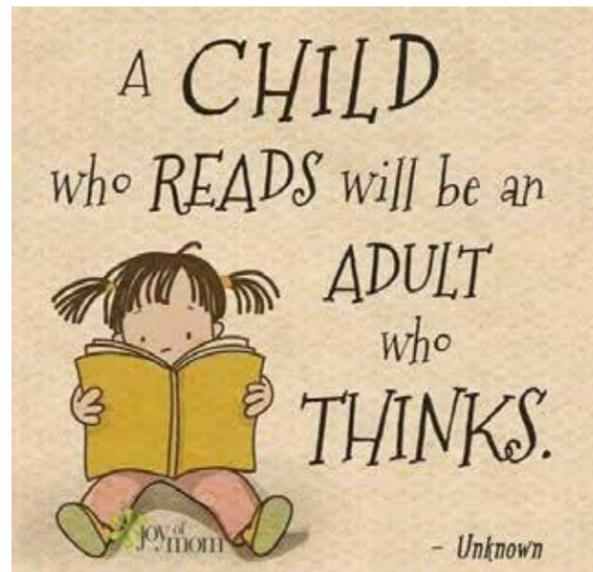
"Our local libraries are an important part of our communities. Through them, residents can discover a love of reading, or find new ways to remain connected to their community," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte. "With this funding the Springwater Public Library in Elmvalle will continue to enrich the lives of those in the community through art, culture and a better understanding of our shared heritage."

Funds from the OTF grant are being used help with staffing, workshop costs, professional and curated virtual tours, and marketing. A one-on-one How to Zoom tutorial is offered for those who would like more experience using the virtual platform. The Creative Seniors program will run throughout the summer and fall. For more information on the Creative Seniors Project, and how you can become involved, please visit: [www.springwater.library.on.ca](http://www.springwater.library.on.ca) or call the Elmvalle Branch 705-322-1482.

"We are excited to offer the seniors in our community a unique opportunity to explore creativity in new ways," stated Joanne Nijhuis, SEED Grant Project Coordinator. "We can't wait to get started."

STPL prides itself on offering outstanding customer service while providing information and entertainment to Springwater residents. STPL operates three physical branches (Elmvalle, Midhurst, and Minesing) as well as a robust digital branch consisting of our website, social media platforms, online resources, ebooks, and virtual programs. In 2019, STPL circulated almost 100,000 items and had over 93,000 visits. Springwater is a mix of urban and rural in the centre of Simcoe County, with a population of approximately 19,000 residents.

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**HCF's Annual Community Grants Program Wrapping Up**

HCF's Smart and Caring grants program is wrapping up another successful year of supporting our local community by getting funds into the hands of those who need it the most. The program combined with our scholarships and other support from countless fund holders has disbursed \$74,568.38 back to our communities in support of local charities and organizations.

A huge shout out to our community volunteers who worked through the process this year and helped HCF direct the funds to organizations throughout the Southern Georgian Bay region.

Smart and Caring is what HCF's grants program is all about, it matches community needs with the generosity of our donors to support funding requirements serving the arts & culture, community services, environment, healthcare & mental health, youth & scholarships, seniors and sports & recreation.

The following is the complete list of HCF's Smart & Caring Grant recipients:

- Askennonia Senior Centre Inc. -\$ 1,000.00-
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe -\$ 1,300.00-
- Boys & Girls Clubs of North Simcoe -\$ 650.00-
- Breaking Down Barriers An Independent Living Centre Inc. -\$ 750.00-
- Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County -\$ 800.00-
- CLH Foundation -\$ 1,000.00-
- Community Reach North Simcoe -\$ 1,000.00-
- E3 Community Services Inc. -\$ 700.00-
- Elephant Thoughts Educational Outreach -\$ 1,500.00-
- Friends of the Clearview EcoPark & Community Garden -\$ 1,200.00-
- Friends of Wye Marsh Inc. -\$ 1,000.00-
- Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre -\$ 2,000.00-
- Home Horizon Georgian Triangle Residential Services -\$ 1,680.00-
- Hospice Huronia -\$ 1,000.00-
- Midland Public Library -\$ 750.00-
- Quest Art School + Gallery -\$ 1,000.00-
- HCF 2021 Grants - Final Funding Allocations
- Scientists in School -\$ 1,000.00-
- Severn Sound Environmental Association -\$ 1,500.00-
- Sistema Huronia Music Academy -\$ 1,000.00-
- Warm and Cozy Children's Charity -\$ 1,200.00-
- Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care -\$ 1,000.00-

**HCF supports CLH Foundation's Commitment to Care**

This year, CLH Foundation's fundraising efforts will help ensure that individuals who live in CLH Supported Living Homes will continue to fully access the unfunded medical supplies and essential items they need to thrive.

Covering these unfunded expenses, which are not covered by any traditional model of government support, has always been the practice of CLH, a tradition and level of care that is unique to CLH. The financial challenges of the past year have drawn attention to the need for CLH Developmental Support Services to find other ways to continue to cover these costs without placing any financial burden on the individuals themselves.

CLH Foundation's Commitment to Care campaign will help meet that need. The funds disbursed by Huronia Community Foundation from the "CLH Foundation Endowment Fund" will be directed to the Commitment to Care, and CLH are grateful to have this source of support to help meet our goals.

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**Georgian offering virtual events for people who want to get to know us**

Curious about Georgian College and want to find out more about your postsecondary options? We're here to help. The college is offering a series of Get to Know Georgian virtual events on Tuesday evenings over the summer – July 20 and Aug. 31. Each event will run from 5 to 6 p.m. and will cover programs and services at all campus locations.

Get to Know Georgian virtual events are helpful whether you're thinking about attending Georgian yourself or are a parent or supporter of a future student about to graduate from high school. Data shows that high school students have been particularly reluctant to apply or register for college during the pandemic. They've also had a stronger-than-normal tendency to stay close to home. Wherever you are in the educational journey, these events are your opportunity to connect with our friendly recruitment team about all things Georgian – located right here in your community.

Get to Know Georgian is a great opportunity to learn about your flexible study options, including 130+ programs and options for full-time, part-time and online study. You can also:

- get information on the many supports available to students
- find out about the Georgian Learning Guarantee
- discover financial aid options
- learn about student life, activities and clubs and more

Each event includes a Q&A session, so come prepared with your questions. Plus, those ready to apply can learn how Georgian will cover the \$95 OCAS application fee so they can apply for FREE!

Register online and get full details about all the upcoming sessions at [GeorgianCollege.ca/GetToKnowGeorgian](http://GeorgianCollege.ca/GetToKnowGeorgian).

**Riddle:** You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?  
**Answer:** Look for it throughout this paper



HCF's Scott Warnock was able to present CLH Foundation's President Sarah Kitchen with a funding cheque to support their programming

**PD Programs are here!**  
Catapult and Mystery Bag event on July 23rd at 1:00 pm in the Library. 10 available spots. Each child gets 2 bags, one catapult kit and a mystery bag. Children are required to wear masks for the event. Call or drop by the library to sign up with your library card.  
Ceramic cups with PPL logo and our mascot "Booksy" can be purchased. \$5.00 each. Bring your library card. Color changing cups for \$5.00, includes instructions. Limit of 2 per household.

**New @PPL**  
We are in Stage 3. The library is open to the public. Feel free to drop by during open hours and browse our collection or use our computers. Load your bus passes, make photocopies and send faxes. Don't forget our Summer WiFi tent is available outdoors for anyone who wants to sit outdoors and get connected to the World Wide Web. Connect with your library card. Free WiFi passes for non-residents. Inquire at the library.

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♦ AK7	♦ T54
♣ T32	♣ K764

3NT would have been an easy contract but South found herself in 4♥, where there are the same nine winners. N-S have mirror distributions, so there are no ruffs to add to that total. Where is the 10<sup>th</sup> trick?

This deal is all about the Club suit. On the lie of the cards, if Declarer breaks open the suit, she will score just the Ace and will lose the other two tricks. But if the defense breaks open the suit then Declarer will make two tricks. In other words, it's a frozen suit, and whoever plays Clubs first loses. But Declarer has the majority of the high cards and the trumps, let's see how she uses them to make the defense blink first.

West leads the ♠Q which is won in Dummy, and trumps are drawn in three rounds. Declarer avoids playing Clubs, of course, instead she cashes her Spade winners and her second Diamond winner, and exits with a Diamond. The defense can safely cash a Spade, but now they will be faced with unpleasant alternatives:

- Either they can play a Spade or a Diamond, giving Declarer a ruff and discard (one hand ruffs, the other discards a Club loser)
- Or they can break open the frozen Clubs and give up the 10<sup>th</sup> trick that way.

That line of play was not guaranteed to succeed. Imagine West with ♠KQx, and further suppose that East is able to win the third round of Spades and of Diamonds. Now, when Declarer exits a Diamond, East wins and fires a Club through, won by West. Back comes a Spade to East and another Club through, and that's down one. Declarer can avoid this grisly fate by ducking the opening Diamond lead (now East gets in only once and cannot lead Clubs twice), but that play will not be a great success if East is able to ruff the second round of Diamonds.



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**The OPP Report - Scams**

**OPP SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN ASSAULT INVESTIGATION ON PENETANGUISHENE WALKING TRAIL**

(PENETANGUISHENE, ON) - Investigators from the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are seeking assistance from the public after a Penetanguishene resident reported being assaulted on the Trans-Canada Trail between Scott and Owen Street around 10:00 p.m. on Saturday July 17, 2021. The victim provided investigators with a description of the two suspects he fought off while walking along the trail as follows -

**First suspect**

- male, short, heavy build with short hair

**Second suspect**

- male, six feet tall, long hair with possible facial injuries. The OPP reminds all members of the public to be aware of their surroundings and personal safety at all times.

Anyone having knowledge of this incident is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp.ca or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00. You can follow Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com) on Twitter or Facebook.

**R.I.D.E. CHECK LEADS TO DRUG AND CRIMINAL CODE CHARGES**

(HUNTSVILLE, ON) - The Huntsville Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested and charged a 26 year old male with drug and criminal code offences.

On March 18, 2021 at approximately 1:00 a.m. members of the OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. check on Main St. West in the town of Huntsville.

The initial investigation resulted in the arrest of driver, Hanad AHMED for possession of a controlled substance.

Further investigation resulted police learning that Mr. AHMED was on probation

As result of the investigation police located a quantity of controlled substance, and prohibited weapons. Two Percocet pills, various break and enter tools, a spring assisted knife, small baseball bat and an explosive device were seized by police.

Hanad AHMED (26), of Scarborough has been charged with:

- Possessing explosives for an unlawful purpose contrary to section 82 (1) of the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Unauthorized possession of a weapon contrary to section 91 (2) of the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Fail to comply with probation order contrary to section 733.1(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Possession of a schedule 1 substance contrary to section 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act.

The accused, Hanad AHMED was held for Bail Hearing scheduled on July 18, 2021 in the Ontario Court of Justice Court Huntsville. Mr. AHMED remanded into custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice Court Huntsville on July 22, 2021.

The Ontario Provincial Police is committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities.

**OPP SEARCHING IN TAY TOWNSHIP FOR MISSING PORT MCNICOLL MAN**

**UPDATE 2**

Missing Person Located

OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT) officers and K-9 unit searching for the missing male located a deceased person on July 8, 2021 in Port McNicoll. A post mortem has confirmed the identity of deceased to be that of the reported missing male. The investigation is now complete and foul play is not suspected.

Investigators and family wish to thank those community members who assisted in this investigation.

**HIGHWAY 12 CLOSED OVERNIGHT DUE TO SERIOUS COLLISION**

(RAMARA, ON) - Members of the Orillia detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) assisted with a serious collision on Highway 12 near County Road 169, Ramara Township, which sent one driver to hospital with critical injuries and caused the roads to remain closed overnight.

On July 18, 2021, approximately 10:20 p.m., emergency services were called to a serious collision on Highway 12 involving a tractor trailer and a passenger vehicle. The driver of the passenger vehicle was transported to local hospital with critical injuries and was later airlifted to a Toronto Hospital. The driver of the transport was uninjured.

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OPP Technical Collision Investigation (TCI) members attended the scene and Highway 12 remained closed for several hours pending investigation. Reopening of the roadways was further delayed due to the safe removal and inspection of the commercial motor vehicle. All roads have now been reopened.

The Orillia OPP is committed to serving our province, including the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn and the City of Orillia, by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety. If you have any information about crime in our community please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or report minor occurrences online by visiting [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca)/reporting. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com) if you have information on any crime. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

**BRACEBRIDGE AFTERNOON DRIVER IMPAIRED BY DRUGS**

(BRACEBRIDGE, ON) - On July 17, 2021 at 12:27 p.m., Bracebridge Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to a complaint from a member of the public after hearing what he believed was a motor vehicle collision on Fraserburg Road in the Town of Bracebridge.

Police responded and located a male that travelled approximately 100 meters off the roadway knocking down two posts some guard rail wire and multiple trees. Officers subsequently arrested and charged the driver, 23 year-old Johnathon ROBICHAUD of Burlington, ON with Operation While Impaired by Drug CC 320.14(1)(a). He will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Bracebridge on September 7, 2021 to answer to this charge. Furthermore driver's license has been suspended for 90 days and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

**Scam Shields Up for Amazon Prime Day!**

Amazon Prime Day -- days (plural), actually -- happens later this month and scammers have lined up a host of hacks, con tricks, and frauds to catch out unwary shoppers.

The event is being held on June 21 and 22 this year -- much earlier than last year -- but you can be sure that the crooks are well-prepared.

And no wonder. Experts not only say Prime Day nets more sales for Amazon than so-called Black Friday, but the shopping frenzy also draws in other big retailers like Walmart and Target.

There are rich pickings for the tricksters. They know that shoppers tend to drop their guard in the frenzy, sometimes referred to as FOMO -- fear of missing out!

If you plan to pitch in, here are the main Amazon Prime Day scams to be on the alert for:

**1. Phishing.** Just ahead of the big day, you get a message that appears to come from Amazon, or one of the other big online stores, saying there's a problem with your account and that you can't buy until it's fixed.

In a rush, you click the link, which takes you to a fake page that harvests your sign-on details and may even ask you to input your credit card details. The crooks then proceed to use the ID information to buy stuff that they usually have shipped to an empty home for later collection.

Another phishing trick is to send a phony shipping notice for something you didn't order with a fake customer service link or phone number where, again, you'll be asked for sign-on details.

A similar scam involves a phone call supposedly from Amazon's fraud department checking on a suspicious order and requesting details of the credit card linked to your account.

In all cases, if you receive messages like these, sign on to your account at [Amazon.ca](http://Amazon.ca) and check things from there.

Neal Dennis, threat intelligence specialist at Cyware told InfoSecurity magazine: "The heightened activity around Prime Day and the desire of consumers to not miss out on the deals make it ripe for scams and deception.

"Some simple tips for spotting phishing emails include checking the address of the sender, noticing any bad grammar or misspellings and using common sense when considering what the email is asking you for."

**More Prime Day Scams**

**2. Fake Prime membership.** Prime Day is only open to Amazon Prime members and the company uses the sale as a way to drive up membership.

Scammers simply send out fake membership invitations, sometimes offering a discount. People who respond end up not only revealing personal information for identity theft but may also lose money by paying for this non-existent



membership deal.

If you're not already a member and are interested in signing up, go to: <https://www.amazon.com/amazonprime>. In fact, you can get a 30-day trial membership for free there, and then opt out if you just want to shop on Prime Day. Scammers may offer you cut price membership and simply sign you up for this deal.

**3. Fake coupons.** Security experts have already seen phony promotions on social media offering a \$100 coupon. We'll likely see a lot more in the next couple of weeks.

These are gateways to all manner of scams, from identity theft to data harvesting, or simply as a route to hijack your social media account and friends list.

Amazon simply doesn't publish this type of promo on social media, so if you see a coupon offer it's likely a fake.

**4. Fake Amazon websites.** Last year, crooks set up scores of Amazon lookalike sites offering great Prime Day deals -- non-existent of course. They'll almost certainly be at it again.

They rely on people either miskeying the Amazon.com address or falling for a phony ad that has "amazon" somewhere in the address. The aim is either to steal your money or identity information.

**Unusual Payments**

**5. Unusual payment methods.** Scammers, pretending to be Amazon in one guise or another, ask you to pay for your purchases outside of the company's website and payment system -- via PayPal for example.

Amazon never does this. It's always a scam.

**6. Phony reviews.** There's been a huge outcry recently about the volume of phony product reviews on Amazon, especially for Marketplace items.

We'll be revisiting this topic in more detail later this year but for now beware of items which have all five-star or single line reviews.

**7. Hacking.** During the frantic Prime Days, crooks will use every trick in the book to try to hack their way into your PC. Most of the methods we've listed can be used to upload malware onto a PC for the purposes of stealing information or enrolling your computer into a robot network (botnet) used for spamming.

In some cases, they may even ask for access to a user's PC to check some element of their Amazon activity.

Finally, although it's not a scam, remember that not everything is reduced on Prime Day. Some items may even cost more. So, don't assume that because you're buying during the sale period that you're getting a bargain.

Even an online store's reduced prices may not be the best available. Always compare with prices elsewhere.

**Help From Amazon**

The online retailer has a useful anti-scam guide you can use any time. Some of the key points they make are that:

- If you're notified about an order you didn't place, it's almost certainly a scam.
- It's rare for Amazon to phone you, but if they do, they won't ask for confidential information. If the caller does ask for this, it's fake.
- Likewise, requests for you to update payment information that isn't associated with a specific order you placed is phony.

For more on this from Amazon itself, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Scambusters-210603-1>

Also check out this report compiled by specialist site Tech Republic to deal with scams during last year's Prime Day, which was held in October: <https://tinyurl.com/Scambusters-210603-2>

**Alert of the Week**

Did you lose money to fraudsters by using the wiring service MoneyGram? If so, you could be in line to get some or all of it back.

Electronic payments are one of the scammers favored methods of stealing cash because final destinations are untraceable.

Some time ago, MoneyGram agreed with the US

*The rest of this article and many more can be read in the police report at [www.springwaternews.ca](http://www.springwaternews.ca)*

## Tornado Recovery

### Information for affected residents

The City is working to ensure you have the support and resources you need during this challenging time.

Please do not enter any homes unless deemed safe by City Building Officials.

Visit [barrie.ca/TornadoRecovery](http://barrie.ca/TornadoRecovery) for the most current information and links to additional resources.

If you need assistance, call the tornado assistance line at 705-728-8442 or visit City staff at the information centre in the trailer located near Saint Gabriel's School (10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily). Red Cross number for residents directly affected: 289-206-8275

### Waste Disposal and Clean-Up

Residents can throw out household garbage, building material or debris in public disposal bins in the area. Household hazardous waste items must be left beside the bins and City staff will remove them for proper disposal. An up-to-date map of all bin locations is available via [barrie.ca/TornadoRecovery](http://barrie.ca/TornadoRecovery).

City staff have also set up separate disposal bins to clean the streets and sidewalks. For safety reasons, please do not remove items from disposal bins. Once the streets are cleared of debris, street sweepers will go through the area to help facilitate travel, allow work crews to get through streets, and to allow residents to reach their homes safely.

### Building Safety, Assessment and Repairs

Stay out of damaged buildings until they can be assessed and temporarily repaired. Unsafe orders have been issued and will be posted on homes that have suffered extensive structural damage and are deemed to be unsafe. If an order has not been posted on your house, and you think it may be unsafe, call the tornado assistance line at 705-728-8442 and Building Department staff will investigate. You can also email [building.official@barrie.ca](mailto:building.official@barrie.ca).

If you are an affected resident, you will be provided with detailed information to assist you with next steps to take for property assessments, supports and help available, and how to handle temporary and final repairs. Contact your insurance company for an assessment of the property. If you are the tenant, call your landlord to notify them of the damage. Damage from the tornado may extend beyond what you can visibly see. The tornado has imposed loads on the buildings in excess of what it was designed for. We recommend an evaluation by your insurance company if you are concerned, even if an unsafe order has not been issued.

### Fees waived at Barrie Landfill

For affected residents, fees will be waived at the landfill until July 23, and the landfill will be open on July 19 (usually closed on Mondays) to handle additional waste.

### Parking

DO NOT park on the road. There will be a no parking order in effect for the affected areas overnight from Sunday, July 18 until Tuesday, July 20 so streets can be cleaned. A map of the no-parking area is available via [barrie.ca/TornadoRecovery](http://barrie.ca/TornadoRecovery). Tow trucks will be brought in to help remove vehicles from the street if they can't be moved due to damages.

### Food Safety

If you lost power, your food may be affected. A power outage can result in certain foods becoming potentially hazardous for consumption. If you are unsure if a food is safe for consuming, throw it out. For more information on food safety following a power outage, visit "Emergency Preparedness" via [simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://simcoemuskokahealth.org).

### Financial Support

If your home was damaged, document the damage as best you can for a property tax relief application, available via [barrie.ca/PropertyTaxes](http://barrie.ca/PropertyTaxes). The Government of Ontario offers two programs that offer financial support following sudden, unexpected natural disasters. Visit [emergencymanagementontario.ca](http://emergencymanagementontario.ca) for more information.

### Water and Gas

Some homes that were damaged but remain habitable may have water service turned off. If people are returning home and need their water turned back on or have questions about water service, please call 705-726-4242 (follow the prompts if after-hours).

Enbridge Gas is working to restore gas service to affected customers when it's safe to do so. It's expected service will be restored to the majority of customers by end of day on July 17. Enbridge will go door-to-door to undertake this work for houses that are safe to occupy, and will need to access the inside of homes to safely relight natural gas appliances. Do not attempt to relight your own appliances.

### Helpful Contacts

**The Barrie Public Library Painswick branch** (48 Dean Ave) offers computers, free wi-fi, and laptops that can be borrowed in-branch if you need internet or computer access. Call 705-728-1010 or visit [barrielibrary.ca](http://barrielibrary.ca).

**Ontario 211:** Community and Social Services: call 2-1-1 or visit [communityconnection.ca](http://communityconnection.ca)

**Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County:** [cmhastartalking.ca](http://cmhastartalking.ca)

**Ontario SPCA** support for anyone who needs temporary housing or food for their animal: 310-SPCA (7722).

**Barrie Police Service Non-Emergency Line:** 705-725-7025

**Kids Help Phone:** 1-800-668-6868 or [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca)

## Mayor Don's Update – July 23, 2021



### Step Three Municipal Service Impacts

On July 16, Ontario entered Step Three of the Province's Roadmap to Reopen. Step Three focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. A simple, easy-to-understand summary of the restrictions can be found on the Province's "Reopening Ontario"

webpage at [ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario](http://ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario).

As a result of the framework under Step Three, the following municipal services, facilities, and amenities are affected:

- The Township Administration Centre and Minesing Fire Station 3 are open to the public, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged as staff are available on a rotating schedule.
- Community halls remain closed and unavailable for venue rental at this time.
- Indoor sports and recreational facilities can open at 50% capacity, with additional capacity limits for spectators.
- All recreational sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and outdoor pavilions are open for recreational use. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
- Tree Nursery Sports Park, Hillsdale Community Park and Doran Park are open for permitted sports leagues, including soccer and baseball. The sports fields must be booked in advance by contacting [recreation@springwater.ca](mailto:recreation@springwater.ca).
- Springwater Public Library – The Midhurst and Elmvale branches are open with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres as well as other restrictions. Computer access is available by appointment only. The Minesing branch will continue with Thursday curbside service.
- Playgrounds and outdoor fitness equipment are open. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
- The Elmvale Splash Pad is open daily from 10 am to 7 pm. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
- The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale is open Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm. Visitors are required to wear a mask upon entering the market.

For additional information on how the Township is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [springwater.ca/COVID19](http://springwater.ca/COVID19).



### Gypsy Moth Control – Next Steps

The Township is advising residents to alter their approach to Gypsy Moth control, as the invasive species enters its pupal (cocoon) stage of development. Gypsy Moth undergo four distinct developmental stages before populations crash due to natural pathogens. Control options are specific to the insect's stage of development and the time of year.

In spring, eggs hatch and caterpillars ascend trees to feed on new foliage. Feeding concludes in early July and caterpillars begin looking for a protected location where they can spin a cocoon and pupate.

Here's what you can do to help control next year's population:

1. Gypsy Moth are immobile during their pupal stage. Brush them into a pail of soapy water, leave them for a few days, and then throw them in the garbage. If caterpillars have been abundant in your area, do some thorough scouting to check for the brownish pupae, which are often tucked away in protected spots.
2. If you taped your tree in the spring, remove the tape to prevent damage to the tree.
3. If you notice dead caterpillars on your tree, leave them. Dead caterpillars indicate decline. Leaving them in place will help spread the virus or fungus that causes populations to collapse.

Adult Gypsy Moth appear from late July to early August. There are few control options at this stage, though adult female moths (pale in colour) have limited mobility and can be crushed or brushed into a pail of soapy water. Since each female can lay upwards of 1,000 eggs, eliminating adult female moths could help prevent future problems.

County of Simcoe forestry staff advised the Township last spring that while the Gypsy Moth infestation can appear quite devastating at its peak, no major permanent impacts to forest or tree health are likely to occur.

Residents can find more information by visiting the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's webpage on Gypsy Moth at [ontario.ca/page/gypsy-moth](http://ontario.ca/page/gypsy-moth).

### New CityView Portal

The Township is enhancing its service delivery through new software that streamlines the permit application process and provides access to services online. Residents are now able to apply for building permits, check the status of applications and report By-law infractions from the convenience of their home or office.

While the Township's population stands at just over 19,000 today, it is expected to double over the next 20 years. The technology provides the Township with the ability to improve its internal efficiencies and expand its capacity into the future.

To access the new online service portal, visit [portal.springwater.ca/CityViewPortal](http://portal.springwater.ca/CityViewPortal).

### New Automated Cart Collection System

The County of Simcoe is rolling out its automated cart collection system on November 1, 2021. Residents will begin to receive their carts as early as August. Your existing garbage containers can be used for utility containers for storage of items or collection of yard waste etc. or they can be turned in at one of the County waste disposal sites. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Through the new collection system, garbage, recycling and organic materials will be stored and transported in easy-to-use carts, so there's no more bending over to lift and carry different boxes, bins and bags to the curb. With large wheels, a wider wheel-base and ergonomic handles, all residents, including seniors and those with accessibility requirements, should find it safer, easier and more stable to roll carts to and from the curb. Carts are emptied using a mechanical arm on the collection vehicle, which is an efficient touch-free system that helps keep everyone safer.

On July 21, the County hosted a virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) regarding the new collection system. Residents were provided with additional information on the program and instructions on how to use the carts. The full recording will be available on the County's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/CountyofSimcoe](http://youtube.com/CountyofSimcoe). Springwater residents may also view the carts in advance by visiting the Township Administration Centre during open hours.

### Simcoe County Student Bursary

The County of Simcoe is offering education bursaries of up to \$3000 to Simcoe County students attending a post-secondary institution in Ontario. Eligible applicants must reside in Simcoe County. Students are required to submit an online application by July 30, 2021. For eligibility criteria and additional information, visit [Simcoe.ca/StudentBursary](http://Simcoe.ca/StudentBursary).

### Elmvale Sc-Fi Fantasy Masquerade

I would like to congratulate the organizers and participants of the Elmvale Sc-Fi Fantasy Masquerade for hosting a terrific virtual event last Saturday in support of the Elmvale Food Bank! Although the pandemic presented its challenges, through creativity and determination you were able to find ways to adapt and bring our community together safely this year. It was my pleasure to open the festivities virtually, which included conversations with award-winning authors, actors, crafters, and artists.

A special thank you to the Elmvale BIA, for their sponsorship support and efforts to collaborate with our business community. It was great to see so many local businesses participating this year as Virtual Vendors. I encourage all to visit the Elmvale BIA's local business listing, where vendors will continue to be featured for the balance of 2021: [elmvalebia.ca](http://elmvalebia.ca).

Continue to be safe and have a wonderful summer.



Don't forget the Elmvale Farmers Market every Friday from 9am - 2pm.

*One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.*

--Marie Curie

# Ontario



## Historic Investment Plan Ensures Access to High-Speed Internet for All

*Ontario Connects will achieve 100 per cent connectivity by end of 2025*

TORONTO — Ontario is moving forward with its ambitious plan to bring high-speed internet to all communities across the province. Ontario announced in March its bold commitment of nearly \$4 billion to connect every region to high-speed internet by the end of 2025.

This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history. It also includes working with the federal government to ensure everyone is connected across the province.

As part of its plan, Ontario also announced a new innovative procurement process to help connect underserved and unserved communities.

“Our government is bringing high-speed internet access to all Ontarians,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “This historic nearly \$4 billion investment means every home, community and area in Ontario will have access to high-speed internet. Our new procurement approach and transformative investments will help ensure that no one is left behind when it comes to accessing our digital world. No matter where you live, you will have access to reliable, high-speed internet to work, learn, start a business, access vital services like health care, and connect with family and friends.”

Infrastructure Ontario will lead the procurement process that will begin this summer. This transparent and competitive process will enable Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid for provincial support through a series of reverse auction events for defined geographic areas, and based on requirements for high-speed internet infrastructure deployment.

“Infrastructure Ontario is pleased to be working on the Province’s initiative to expand high-speed internet to all communities. Helping to create connected, modern and competitive communities is the mission of everything IO does,” said Michael Lindsay, President and CEO of Infrastructure Ontario.

This approach builds on Ontario’s existing initiatives to expand high-speed internet in communities across the province, many of which are already connecting homes and businesses today.

Ontario is now one of the few jurisdictions in Canada with its own comprehensive and proactive plan to achieve full connectivity. Over the coming weeks, the Province plans on announcing more projects to bring connectivity to communities throughout the province, along with additional details on how it will help ensure every region in Ontario has access to high-speed internet.

High-speed internet is critical for access to vital services like health care, education, employment and justice, while increasing economic and entrepreneurial opportunity for everyone. The Province’s investment is part of the 2021 Budget, Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy. With vaccines being distributed, hope is on the horizon. Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy provides the resources necessary to finish the battle with COVID-19, building on the government’s record investments to protect health and jobs during the global pandemic.

### Quick Facts

- As many as 700,000 households in Ontario lack access to high-speed internet or have no internet connection at all.
- Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan is already providing internet and cellular access to homes and businesses in communities across Ontario.
- The Ontario government is also helping to speed up construction of broadband projects by successfully introducing the Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 earlier this Spring.
- Last year, the Province launched the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program, a multi-year program that aims to support high-speed internet and cellular projects. The Province is expecting to announce approved projects soon.
- The Province has invested in initiatives to improve connectivity across Eastern and Southwestern Ontario. It has also invested in high-speed internet projects in rural and Northern communities through other initiatives, such as the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and the Next Generation Network Program.
- Expanding access to high-speed internet is part of Ontario Onwards: Ontario’s COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government, which includes more than 30 projects that are changing the way people and businesses interact with government.

## Ontario Helping Small Businesses Establish Online Presence

*Government’s investment will help businesses expand their digital presence and market their services online*

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$10 million towards the Digital Main Street program for 2021-22 to help over 13,000 small businesses expand their digital presence and market their services online. As businesses enter Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen, the renewed program will provide small businesses with \$2,500 grants, technical training, and digital resources to help them reach more customers in person and online, positioning them for a stronger recovery.

“Ontario small businesses are the heart of our neighbourhoods and the economic foundation of our communities,” said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. “Our government is committed to being there for them as they reopen. This additional support will give these businesses the digital boost they need to raise their profile and rebuild better than ever.”

Small businesses across Ontario with a brick-and-mortar location and one to 50 employees can apply for \$2,500 Digital Transformation Grants, which they can use to purchase new technology and digital services.

With this additional funding, Digital Main Street will continue to support diverse small business owners throughout the province. To date, the program has provided over 20,000 businesses with support for their digital expansions, while generating jobs for more than 1,600 students and recent graduates.

“Ontario’s small businesses are the backbone of our economy and our communities,” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. “Through Digital Main Street, we’re giving business owners and operators the tools they need to strengthen their online presence, enhance technical skills and help them recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

In addition to Digital Main Street, the government is working to gather information on how to best continue supporting small businesses through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ontario-based accounting software company FreshBooks. The MOU will help small businesses and entrepreneurs by using its data to help identify weaknesses and gaps that government programs can address to help more small businesses recover and grow. The extensive FreshBooks database provides information across a variety of sectors and regions in Ontario.

“We’re excited to provide this valuable line of sight for Ontario’s policymakers into what’s happening in the small business sector,” said Paul Cowan, Chief Marketing Officer, FreshBooks. “Access to timely, quality data makes all the difference when it comes to making good decisions both in government and in business. We’re glad to share our lens and insights and play an important part in this next phase of small business recovery.”

### Quick Facts

- Beyond the grants, Digital Main Street—a partnership between the Ontario and federal governments — equips businesses with ShopHere support for opening online stores and access to Digital Service Squads offering one-on-one help.
- Small businesses with a brick-and-mortar location and one to 50 employees, including those in shopping malls, can apply for Digital Transformation Grants on the Digital Main Street portal.
- As of March 2021, over 10,000 independent businesses and artists have already received support to create online stores through ShopHere, with 42 per cent outside the GTA and more than 370 in Northern Ontario. About 56 per cent of these businesses are operated by women entrepreneurs. In addition, 54 per cent of the 608 students and recent graduates hired by ShopHere are women, with 75 per cent self-identifying as ethnic minorities.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between FreshBooks, an Ontario-based accounting software company, and the Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction will deliver to the Province anonymized, aggregated business information by economic sector and region of Ontario.
- Small businesses can access resources that offer free test kits to help them stay open and stay safe, mental health supports, financial planning, and personalized advice through the Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Network at [ontario.ca/smallbusiness](http://ontario.ca/smallbusiness).

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## Ontario Supporting the Wine Agri-Tourism Sector

*New COVID-19 Relief Initiative delivering \$10 million in support of local businesses*

STONEY CREEK — The Ontario government is launching a new Winery Agri-Tourism COVID-19 Relief Initiative to support agri-tourism businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ontario wineries and cideries with on-site stores whose business were impacted by COVID-19 safety measures to stop the spread of the virus will be eligible for this one-time grant.

Businesses that saw a revenue decline in at least one area of their operations, such as decreased tourism, tours, events and tastings, or have faced increased expenses to comply with public health safety measures for COVID-19 will be eligible to receive support.

“Ontario’s wineries and cideries have told us their businesses are being hit hard by the economic impacts of this pandemic and the cancellation of large events and tours,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “With this announcement, our government is taking the necessary steps to provide these businesses with the support they need to continue operating, recover and to maintain these good jobs in the agri-food sector.”

“Our government recognizes the significant impact of the Agri-Tourism sector on Ontario’s social and economy recovery,” said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. “The launch of a new Winery Agri-Tourism Relief Initiative will support and maintain the vital jobs of those who continue to fight to ensure this sector is able to come back stronger than before.”

The 2021 Budget, Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy, committed to providing a one-time \$10 million grant to help wineries and cideries impacted by COVID-19 and to ensure that agricultural production and local jobs are maintained in Ontario’s rural communities. As the delivery agent of the new Winery Agri-Tourism COVID-19 Relief Initiative, Agricorp will send applications for the program directly to eligible wineries and cideries on July 20, 2021.

This new relief initiative builds on government programs that aim to protect jobs and support local producers, including extending the VQA Wine Support Program and the Small Cider and Small Distillery Support Program to 2022-23.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact for our rural communities and on Ontario’s agri-tourism community, which is exactly why our government is committed to helping them get back on their feet,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “This one-time investment will provide grants to eligible wineries and cideries with on-site stores in 2021, to help them thrive following a tough year.”

### Quick Facts

- As part of the 2021 Budget, the government committed to providing a one-time \$10 million grant in 2021 to help wineries and cideries impacted by lockdown measures while helping ensure that agricultural production and local jobs are maintained in Ontario’s rural communities. The new Winery Agri-Tourism COVID-19 Relief Initiative will fulfill this commitment by providing grants to eligible wineries and cideries with on-site retail stores in September 2021.
- Through the grant, eligible wineries and cideries will receive a one-time payment based on their sales of wine and cider in 2020-21 in their on-site winery retail store.
- Other supports for the beverage alcohol industry announced in the 2021 Budget include: the extension of OMAFRA’s existing beverage alcohol support programs until 2022-23 providing \$15.7 million in funding to wineries, small cideries and small distilleries. For 2021-22 only, the Small Distillery Program’s budget was increased by \$1.2 million to provide relief from the impacts of COVID-19. Beginning in spring 2021, Ontario craft beer sales at farmers’ markets were also allowed in Ontario.



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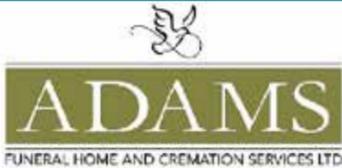


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*Glenn & Barb*

*Pauline Jones*

There's a special place within my heart that you will always be, and though I cannot see you I know you're here with me. I was blessed with you as my wife, a companion and best friend, and even though you have left this earth my love will never end.  
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**Obituaries**

**BENTLEY, Mildred June**  
Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on July 16, 2021. Millie Bentley (nee Morris) of Orr Lake in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Ronald Bentley. Dear mother of Barry (Mary Louise) Bentley of Owen Sound and Pamela (Paul) Peca of Orr Lake. Proud grandmother of Rebecca, Rory (Kristin), and Thomas (Sandra). Loving great-grandmother of Addison, Everleigh, and Kennedy. Sister of Norm (late Elsie) Morris of Orr Lake and the late Vernon (Patricia) Morris. Millie will be dearly missed by her cherished and life long friend, Mae Olsen. A private graveside service will be held at Sanctuary Park Cemetery in Toronto. A Celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations in Millie's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Alzheimer's Society.  
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**FARIS, Alma -**  
Alma Elizabeth Faris passed away peacefully on July 6 in Sudbury in her 102nd year. She was born on December 16, 1919 to Wesley and Beatrice Longhurst in Queensville, Ontario. She is predeceased by her loving husband Neil Faris to whom she was married for 62 years. She is also predeceased by an infant son and her daughter Elizabeth Land (Jim) and is survived by two children Mary (Lori) of Sudbury and Bob (Redha) of Toronto. She was also a mother to Mark Grantham. She was grandmother to Kate (Chris), Alison (Aaron), Ken (Danielle) and Richard (Cherith) and great grandmother to Sam, Lizzie, Kayleigh, Holly, Josie and Ellie. She grew up in Newmarket with two brothers (Howard and Arnot) and four sisters (Kathleen, Rhoda, Norine and Pauline) and also lived in Sarnia, and the Elmvale area. She spent the last three years of her life at Extendicare York in Sudbury. She was a partner with Neil first on their farm and later in a construction business. She also provided room and board for local teachers. Alma was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church where she was an elder. She taught Sunday School and led the "Children of the Church" and was an Honorary Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society. She was also very active in all of the communities in which she lived where she was a member of the Women's Institute and led 4H Homemaking Clubs, and served with "White Cross" and on the local school board. Alma loved to knit and her creations went to family and friends or the revenue from them was donated to "mission". She travelled extensively with Neil, was an avid gardener, and loved laughing and playing euchre, picking berries and baking and sharing pies and good stories. She lived her life with compassion, tolerance and kindness for everyone she met and was well loved in return. A private family service will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale on Saturday, July 10th at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Newmarket Cemetery (masked and distanced please). Others may join the service via YouTube (search "Lynn-Stone Funeral Home" at 10:50 a.m.) In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Presbyterian World Service and Development. <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=2034&AID=2463> Please inform Lynn-Stone (lynnstone@sympatico.ca) if you are making a donation.  
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**Dark Skies**

One of the hardest things that I have ever done in my life was to stay and watch my mother's life slowly coming to an end. Mom was dying from an obstructed bowel. The doctors were hoping that the bowel would untwist itself, but it was not meant to be. Pain medication was given to her every two hours to keep her comfortable. My two daughters stayed with their grandmother overnight until Mom passed peacefully. God, in His mercy, decided to call her home, and she did not have to suffer any longer. When someone close to us dies, a close friend, a father or mother, sister or brother, wife or husband, or a child, the ones who are left behind suffer. We grieve the loss of never seeing them again. We suffer with the memories of what used to be, and we miss their company. We miss everything about them and we hope that they are in a better place. It is at such a time that our hope lies in the words of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who said, "In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:2-3 NASB) Revelation 7:16-17 – They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the centre of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes. (NASB) Prayer: Creator God, it is so hard for us when we lose someone that we love so dearly. Be with us at our time of sorrow and grant us Your peace. Help us to overcome the fear of death, and when our final hour comes, raise us up to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
*Submitted by: Rosemary Hagedorn, Midland, Ontario.  
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### Audiences and Artists are Re-energized by Theatre Collingwood's New Porchside Festival!

Collingwood, ON: Theatre Collingwood is overjoyed by community response to its inaugural summer series, known as the Porchside Festival, which came together in response to Ontario's guidelines that allow for small-sized gatherings taking place outdoors in Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen.

14 talented artists were invited by Theatre Collingwood to perform for audiences of just 25 people who bring their own lawn chairs to the private backyards of some of the town's most historic homes for a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience. After many months of coordinating with the actors and musicians through online meetings and virtual rehearsals, the shows were matched up with the ideal locations, and the festival commenced on July 8th with Maja Ardal's captivating one-act play, A Cure For Everything.

"We know that people have been looking forward to the return of live entertainment, but there is something really special happening both for the artists and for the patrons who are attending our summer series this year. The basis of what we do in theatre is gather people together to share stories. After such a long intermission, it's energizing for everyone when the performers on stage reconnect with a live audience," says Erica Angus, Executive Director of Theatre Collingwood.

Arts enthusiasts acted fast to snap-up the available tickets when information about the festival was announced earlier this spring. All 24 performances sold-out before opening night. However, with the province moving into Step 3 on Friday, July 16, and in response to the overwhelming popularity of this initiative, Theatre Collingwood has made the decision to release a limited number of tickets to upcoming shows in the festival where locations allow for larger numbers with social distancing.

The company is also excited to announce the addition of a well-known local performer to the roster. Alt-folk singer-songwriter, Shane Cloutier will join the Porchside Festival for two performances next month on Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th.

"Theatre Collingwood has worked hard to stay vibrant during the pandemic while continuing to offer our community opportunities to connect and be entertained. This festival is a small step forward in our return to live events and we're thrilled to welcome Shane Cloutier to the playbill," says Angus.

For nearly forty years, Theatre Collingwood has staged live professional theatre around South Georgian Bay. The Porchside Festival is designed to strengthen and restore community connection with an emphasis on accessibility and inclusion. The company's vision is to grow the festival over the next three years to enable audiences to hear more diverse voices and to see many cultures represented on stage through the magic of live performance.

Theatre Collingwood wishes to acknowledge financial support received from The Province of Ontario, The Town of Collingwood, Tourism Simcoe County, Blue Mountain Resort, TD Bank, EPCOR, Tim Hortons and Royal LePage Locations North for its 2021 Season. Local individuals and businesses also provided sponsorship for each production in the Porchside Festival.

To purchase tickets, please call Theatre Collingwood's Box Office at 705-445-2200 or visit [www.theatrecollingwood.ca](http://www.theatrecollingwood.ca).

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**Birth Announcement**  
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 A special thank you to Midwife Kylie.

**Doug Jones "The big 90"!**



Doug Jones of Anten Mills will celebrate his **90th Birthday on August 4th**  
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Ticket sales are wrapping up for this year's Truck Draw and the Elmvale and District Lions Club would like to thank the following businesses who assisted with our 2021 Truck Draw ticket sales:

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**Tiny announces "Beach Bundles" a 2021 Pilot Program to support local businesses**

The Township of Tiny is excited to announce a new pilot program intended to support Tiny businesses while providing opportunities for families to enjoy a day at the beach. 'Beach Bundles' will support the local economy by infusing monies in participating local merchants.

Each bundle includes a single-day use parking permit valid on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at one of Tiny's five major beaches – Woodland, Bluewater, Jackson, Balm, Lafontaine. It also includes 50 Tiny Dollars to be spent at any of the participating businesses. Participants are encouraged to 'spread the wealth' by shopping at more than one merchant.

At the May 19 Regular Meeting of Council, Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma expressed the need to support the local economy, "it's important to recognize the financial hardships being endured by local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and do what we can to support them."

"Beach Bundles" are available for purchase as of July 20, 2021. Individuals and families should plan to purchase and pick-up their Beach Bundle the same day they wish to visit the beach. The cost is \$50.00 per bundle. The program runs for 6 weeks and opportunities are limited so don't delay. Please visit [www.tiny.ca/beachbundle](http://www.tiny.ca/beachbundle) for detailed information regarding this initiative along with the list of participating vendors.

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The County of Simcoe celebrated the new LINX Transit Service route on Tuesday, July 20 at the Oakwood Community Centre. Route 6 will connect the communities of Midland and Orillia, with stops in Victoria Harbour, Waubaushene, Coldwater and Warminster, furthering linking communities right across Simcoe County to key service, health, labour and education hubs. There are already 5 other routes up and running.

- LINX Route 1 provides 1 hour and 30 minute service from the Town of Penetanguishene to the City of Barrie
- LINX Route 2 provides 60 minute service from Wasaga Beach to Barrie.
- LINX Route 3 provides 2 hour service from Orillia to Barrie.
- LINX Route 4 provides 60 minute service from Collingwood to Wasaga Beach.
- LINX Route 5 provides 60 minute service from Alliston to Bradford.

Schedules with service hours/dates can be found on the County of Simcoe website under LINX TRANSIT SERVICE.

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## Ontario's Transportation Plan Puts Highways Over Lake Simcoe's Health

Earlier this month, the province released its Master Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Its purpose is to outline the future "vision" of what transportation planning will look like for the foreseeable future.

According to mapping within the discussion document, our regional future includes more highways and pavement around Lake Simcoe. Despite strong opposition to the Bradford Bypass that will bisect the lake's largest and most important wetland - the Holland Marsh - and drastically increase GHG emissions in the area, the government is doubling down on highways in this sensitive watershed. An additional highway that will connect the 404 to Highways 12/48 will wrap about the south eastern edge of the lake was included in the planned projects.



Clearly, the Bradford Bypass is just a small piece in a larger picture of highway widenings and new highways in the Lake Simcoe watershed which is already struggling to stay healthy.

"Building these highways would worsen Lake Simcoe's health, no ifs, ands or buts," says the Executive Director of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, Claire Malcolmson. "These highway plans do the opposite of what is needed to improve the lake's health by guaranteeing an increase in salt loads to the lake, and by removing wetlands and forests. Lake Simcoe is in an emergency situation. We must reduce phosphorus and salt sources dramatically, increase natural cover and keep every inch of greenspace and wetland we have. The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, which is the law, says all this. So once again the province is ignoring the law, and the science. All I can conclude is that the province puts development above all other considerations and has no regard for the health of the Lake and the communities surrounding it."

The discussion document also outlines the public's feedback about their priorities for transportation including the top three: making transit as convenient as driving, making getting around healthier for people and the planet and to make better use of roads and railways we already have. But plans for the Lake Simcoe area do the opposite by proposing 55 km of new highways to facilitate building bedroom communities in rural areas with few jobs.

"I guess those public priorities will only be given credence if you live in vote-rich GTA," says Margaret Prophet, Executive Director of Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition. "Between the Bypass and this new highway, we're essentially building another Highway 413 right around the shores of Lake Simcoe. Who benefits from that? Not Lake Simcoe or the economies or communities that depend on its health. With all of our communities needing help and businesses struggling, spending over \$1 billion to build more highways around Lake Simcoe is the best they can do?"

Jennifer Lloyd of STOP Bradford Bypass, "They're increasing salt sources with two new highways, bisecting and polluting the Lake Simcoe's headwaters and largest wetland with the Bradford Bypass and then telling us that this is inevitable due to growth that they're encouraging in the area. These things are choices that are being made for us, not inevitabilities! Climate change is inevitable. How and where we grow are policy choices. The public wants different transportation investments, but instead we get more of the same."

Blythe Wieclawek, SCGC Environmental Youth Advocate, "Refusing to progress past highways and sprawl is only further jeopardizing the future of this area's children - telling us anything otherwise is unconscionable. Knowingly putting more salt into the lake while politicians parade their love for [the lake] is simply hypocritical. Heading up a master transportation plan where the first priority is to improve transit connectivity, but then offering infrastructure that ensures we stay in our cars is disconnected and dangerous policy making especially as we are in a climate emergency. This plan does nothing for the youth of the area and only makes our future more dangerous."

The province is seeking feedback on the master transportation plan until August 28, 2021. There is a survey that you can fill out here: <https://www.ontarioca.com/form/consultation-greater-golden-horseshoe-transportation-plan-discussion-paper>. You can also send them an email via: [GGHTransportationPlan@Ontario.ca](mailto:GGHTransportationPlan@Ontario.ca)

About: The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition is a lake-wide member-based organization that provides leadership and inspires people to take action to protect Lake Simcoe. [www.rescuelakesimcoe.org](http://www.rescuelakesimcoe.org)

About the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition [www.simcoecountygreenbelt.ca](http://www.simcoecountygreenbelt.ca): The Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition is a diverse coalition of 35 organizations from across Simcoe County and the province calling on local and provincial leaders to better protect our water resources, green spaces and farmland through smart growth and sustainable policies including expansion of the Greenbelt into Simcoe County.

## Ontario Investing in Science North

**Funding provides stability to one of Northern Ontario's great tourism and cultural institutions**

SUDBURY – The Ontario government is investing more than \$8.9 million in Science North to support the 2021-22 operations, develop exhibits and online content, perform maintenance and repairs, and deliver learning supports for students and teachers. These investments will help sustain operations, protect jobs, and support short and long-term recovery planning following the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Details were provided by Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, during an announcement alongside Guy Labine, CEO of Science North.

"Like many of Ontario's agencies and attractions, Science North has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Minister MacLeod. "That's why our government is investing to support one of Northern Ontario's most valued tourism and cultural institutions as it adapts and responds to new realities. This support will ensure Science North can get back to doing what it does best – providing safe and fun education experiences for families from across Ontario. I encourage everyone to safely visit Science North to learn about the wonderful world of science and celebrate our province's heritage and ingenuity."

Science North will receive:

- Over \$6.8 million operating and administration funding
- \$850,000 in much-needed capital funding to support critical infrastructure upgrades to programming space, habitats and exhibits
- \$150,000 through the Ontario Cultural Attractions fund to help develop and promote "Honouring Indigenous Ingenuity," a travelling exhibit with events and programming that will highlight the innovations and history of Canada's Indigenous culture through the lens of science and technology
- More than \$55,000 for the Summer Experience Program, which delivers English and French summer science camp experiences to children in communities across Ontario.
- The Ministry of Education has also allocated \$1.1 million to Science North to provide summer programming in July and August to support learning recovery and renewal, including for students who require additional support across Northern Ontario. This will support students to continue to develop their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills as they prepare for the next school year. Funding has also supported Science North to create made-in-Ontario videos and resources to support STEM in elementary school learning and teaching. Resources can be accessed on the Science North website.