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Whitfield Guardian Pharmacy U18 Elmvale Coyotes Win OMHA Championship

April 8, 2024 - Our U18 Elmvale Coyotes have brought home an OMHA Tier 1 Championship for the great hockey town of Elmvale.

For all of us older hockey enthusiasts the U18 was formally known as Midget and the Tier 1 is like an OMHA B classification from the years past.

Game 1 Friday against Niagara on the Lakes ended with the 4-2 win.

Saturday morning the boys faced off against the top ranked Petrolia Oilers team. We fell short with a 2-1 loss.

The Coyote players and fans were not dejected though; a win or a tie in game 3 Saturday evening against the Mitchell Meteors would solidify our spot in the semi-finals. Final score was 3-3 advancing the boys to Sunday semi-final.

The Semi-final game saw us take on the Lindsay Muskies, a team we had faced with little success in the Silver Stick Tournament. The game ended in an exciting 2-1 win for Elmvale.

Off to the finals we went with much excitement and anticipation. A quick Pita Pit stop for the players and some top notch parking lot banter with the parents and fans had the Elmvale Coyotes ready to finally bring back another OMHA Championship to the storied Elmvale Coyotes organization.

Mitchell was once again the team that stood in the way of our boys accomplishing this feat. As had happened all tournament Elmvale opened up the scoring to take the 1-0 lead. The second was not as kind to the Yotes as two PP goals and a SH goal put the Meteors up 3-1 after 2 periods.

With 7 minutes to play the Coyotes still found themselves down 3-1. Time appeared to be running out on the "Cinderella" run? A PP goal started the comeback. Shortly after that Elmvale scored the tying goal on a beauty two on one and the Elmvale fans and bench erupted. The dream of winning an OMHA Championship was alive and well.

The final few minutes ended and a 10 minute overtime set the stage for a story book ending for our beloved Elmvale Coyotes. 45 seconds into the first overtime Jake Dutton shattered the Meteors dream and put him and his Coyotes teammates into a place of hockey laurel that very few people get the chance to be - All Ontario OMHA Champions.

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2024 Tier 1 OMHA Champions- our very own U18 Elmvale Coyotes! Go Coyotes Go!



What is a solar eclipse?

A solar eclipse happens when, at just the right moment, the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth. Learn all about solar eclipses in this video!

Whoa! It's the middle of the day—so why is the sky getting dark?

It's a solar eclipse!

A solar eclipse happens when, at just the right moment, the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth.

Sometimes the Moon only blocks part of the Sun's light. This is called a partial solar eclipse.

Other times, the Moon blocks all of the Sun's light. This is called a total solar eclipse.

As the Moon blocks the Sun's light, it casts a shadow on part of the Earth.

The Moon's shadow creates a trail as Earth rotates. This trail is called the path of totality.

If you want to experience total darkness during an eclipse, you have to be in the path of totality.

In that path, the Moon completely blocks the Sun's light for a few minutes. It gets so dark that it looks like night time during a full Moon!

If you don't know what's happening, it can be confusing. Animals can get confused too.

But this total darkness can also be kind of cool for scientists who study the Sun's atmosphere, called the corona.

The corona is very dim. It's usually hard to see because the Sun is so much brighter.

But, when the Moon blocks the Sun's light during an eclipse, all you can see is the light from the corona!

Total solar eclipses over the land—where people can see them—don't happen very often.

But when they do happen, the Moon gives scientists—and the rest of us—a glimpse at the corona's beautiful streams and ribbons. Thanks, Moon!

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To Editor, Please print this letter so people are aware.

To: Anita Moore, Ward 4 Councillor, Springwater Township C.c. Jennifer Coughlin, George Cabral, Matt Garwood, Danielle Alexander, Brad Thompson & Phil Fisher

I have been a resident of Springwater Township (formerly Vespra) since 1963.

I have dealt with councils for both building and development for over 40 years.

We first restored and then developed the old Varcoe Gravel pit located behind the former Chay radio station located south of Findlay Mill Road to Glen Echo across from Currie Trucks.

This land is in excess of 100 acres of abandoned gravel pit which we restored for 5 years before development could occur. We then went on to develop in excess of a 785 residential lots in Springwater Township.

Currie's lands were also a gravel pit which has been restored.

Ken O'Brien was a councillor during the time of our first development and he was involved with Vespra at the time of the Barrie annexation.

Our area is in desperate need of industrial serviced lands and employment areas.

A couple of years ago we gave Springwater the opportunity to develop industrial land which it is in desperate need.

At the time, we had approximately 75 acres along Wilson Drive and Sunnidale Road which we had the ability to service immediately.

This would have created in excess of 350 million dollars investment in industrial opportunities along with development charges and tax revenue. It would also create in excess of 1200 higher income job opportunities.

It is very unfortunate that yourself and 3 other councillors from the previous council voted to change the procedure and we were forced to withdraw our formal deputation.

Before this, yourself, the Deputy Mayor, Mayor and two other councillors were all onboard and enthused with this opportunity.

Before our deputation to council was presented it was indicated to us that Perry Ritchie and yourself were no longer in support which forced us to withdraw our deputation as it couldn't be presented a second time to council.

It is very unfortunate because Barrie now has no choice but to annex land for industrial development.

You should take a very good read of what Ken O'Brien has to say about Barrie's previous annexation.

He is 100% correct that the ministry will legislate an expansion and Springwater will lose the negotiating opportunity as to boundaries and compensation.

You need to quit trying to fight something that you're going to lose along with hundreds of thousands of Springwater tax dollars.

Join the party and get the best for Springwater that you can.

You've already lost mega millions of dollars worth of investment in Springwater which includes TNR DOORS which has now located in Oro Medonte. TNR DOORS waited over 2 years to locate in Springwater and had no choice but to locate elsewhere. We had 5 other companies who expressed serious interest in locating at our Springwater location.

I am attaching the letter from Ken O'Brien that was in Barrie Today referring to council of the day trying to stop Barrie's annexation at a horrendous taxpayer cost and valuable time. As

Mr. O'Brien states, council should have been negotiating for better terms.

Present annexation is inevitable.

The township does not have to hire a consultant to give council a history lesson. There are people you can consult with, free of charge, without wasting taxpayer dollars.

Why would you spend our taxpayer money on this?

As a side note, our companies are one of the largest taxpayers in Springwater Township. Please do the right thing and negotiate the best deal possible for Springwater while you're still able to.

The previous maps that have been presented in Barrie Today are incorrect and do not represent the true scope of the annexation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Brian Smith

Dear Springwater News Editor

I am fed up with seeing the antics of Springwater Council appearing as headlines in Barrie Today, the online newspaper and elsewhere. I have several specific concerns to share.

Before I do however, I want to commend my Council Rep, Matt Garwood, who has been professional, supportive of our Mayor and has taken the time to understand the issues that we are concerned about.

Issue #1

Jennifer Coughlin is our Mayor. She won the position handily. As a first term Mayor she deserves the support and understanding of council colleagues. She provided former Mayor Don Allen when she was Deputy Mayor. Sadly that is not what we are seeing.

Issue #2

Tony Guergis. I am so stunned by this development. Counsellor Anita Moore presented a motion to hire former Mayor Tony Guergis to provide the current Council with some history. There is no one else who could fill this role as advisor? Guergis earned the Worst Municipal Councillor in Canada Award in 2009 "for flip-flopping on the issue (of Site 41), then ignoring overwhelming public sentiment and attempting to force the construction of a landfill, Site 41, on top of a watershed that supplies fresh drinking water for as many as four million people". Guergis had his chance to be a leader in Springwater Township and he failed miserably. The motion to hire Guergis was then supported by Deputy Mayor Cabral and Councillors Phil Fisher, and Danielle Alexander. Whether or not Mr Guergis has experience in annexation or boundary projects (and it appears he does not) he should never have been considered for any role unless he wants to run in an election. Approving this motion is the ultimate insult to the people of Springwater, some of whom gave their hear and soul to protect our water supply and were then betrayed by Guergis. These councillors should be ashamed.

Issue #3

The ongoing attacks on the Springwater Library, Library Board, staff and users. Here are some facts:

1. Springwater Council appoints Library Board members including a member of Council
2. Springwater Council approves the Library Budget
3. Public libraries in Ontario are governed by the Ontario Public Libraries Act which lays out how libraries are to be operated. A copy of the Act is available online and the Bylaws the board follows are found on the Library website. The information can be accessed easily.

The statements that some council members have made about the Library being fiscally irresponsible are laughable. If the last ten years of headlines regarding Ontario municipalities and libraries are any indication, it is elected officials and occasionally municipal staff, who play fast and loose with taxpayers money, not library staff.

So, with all the control Springwater Council holds over library matters, what could Council possibly want? Are they still struggling with the fact that the Library aims to be a safe, open space for all citizens?

Interestingly, Springwater Council has decided to support a dead end motion that Simcoe County Council passed two years ago in a fit of pique when they made a bad financial decision regarding cooperative library services and then mistakenly posted a confidential report on their own website for all to see. Clearly the Province saw the County motion for the absolute nonsense it was and chose not to entertain the motion. But now Springwater Council, with a motion from Counselor Alexander has decided to waste staff time flogging this dead horse.

Please, please Councillors Moore, Cabral, Fisher and Alexander, turn your attention to the many issues that matter in our township. If you have forgotten what those are, find out.

Katherine Wallis, Elmvale

EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

North Simcoe Springwater News is the little paper that grew. I have increased circulation and I need to increase pages. Thank you to the advertisers that bring the local news to the readers.

This edition is full of politics and sports. That will change for the next editions. There is more than politics in our community.

I have sent an email to council@springwater.ca asking for comments on some of the contents of Mr. Smith letter that is printed here and was discussed at great length during the last council meeting. I was asking where the serviceable employment lands are within Springwater. They all responded. I want to tell both sides of the story and show that I am not bias by my personal opinions. It is not easy to keep my opinions out of the newspaper but it is critical that I keep to journalist standards. People trust newspapers and I don't want to break that trust.

One good thing that is going on is that people are starting to pay attention to municipal politics. It is the level of government that affects our day to day lives the most. People are tired of a split council. It does not serve democracy well. I urge everyone to watch the council meetings. It is well worth your time and effort to keep informed on the people that are representing you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We do not need a consultant. We simply need to provide direction to the Mayor and Staff.

Springwater Staff do not have direction from Council that would provide information pertaining to any sort of counteroffer or negotiation to the City of Barrie's initial proposal. Springwater CAO, and previous CFO, who has been with the township for over a decade – does not have direction to provide a path forward to Council. Instead of relying on relevant knowledge and expertise – which we have inhouse, we have hired a consultant who is going to tell us what? To direct Staff to provide Council with information pertaining to negotiations with the City of Barrie?

The current direction from Council states: "That Council hereby terminate discussions between the City of Barrie regarding the City's proposal for boundary adjustments, and they be so advised".

As Mayor – my hands are tied. I cannot discuss boundary adjustments with Mayor Nuttall without breaching my Oath of Office. Council has affirmed the commitment to NOT discuss – and therefore not be at the table, and I have a duty to uphold the decisions of Council.

September 13, 2023 – Deputy Cabral, Springwater CAO and myself met with Mayor Nuttall and City of Barrie and requested they present to Council as a whole.

September 28, 2023 – Council received a closed session presentation.

November 7, 2023 – "Township of Springwater staff and Council will continue to perform a rigorous evaluation on the proposal to ensure that the interests of Springwater residents are considered and remain the highest priority. To ensure transparency regarding this matter, Springwater Council will be deliberating this matter further during the November 15, 2023 regular meeting of Council in open session"

November 15, 2023 – "That Council hereby terminate discussions between the City of Barrie regarding the City's proposal for boundary adjustments and cross border servicing, and they be so advised."

January 18, 2023 – Meeting with Minister Calandra, who advised that a local solution is desired by the Province.

March 6, 2024 – Council was asked to reconsider the decision from four months ago and to get back to negotiations with the City of Barrie. The direction I received was that negotiations regarding cross border servicing are permitted, however boundary adjustments cannot be discussed.

March 19, 2024 – Deputy Cabral, Springwater CAO and myself met with Mayor Nuttall and the City of Barrie to determine a path forward that involves servicing from the City of Barrie, with no adjustments to the boundary of Springwater. Mayor Nuttall assured us that without boundary adjustments there would be no cross border servicing.

April 3, 2019 – Council hired a consultant.

Hiring a consultant does not change the current direction of Council.

We do not need a consultant, we need to give transparent direction and get back to the table.

Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor, Township of Springwater

The province has been clear, a local solution is preferred. I believe it is our responsibility to ensure that the interests of Springwater residents remain the highest priority. The highlighted need for employment land is growing and we cannot wait for the province to step in and decide for us.

Matt Garwood, Ward 1 Councillor, Township of Springwater

From the start of these conversations, I have stated we should be at the discussion table when the future of our township is being discussed. These discussions should be open, transparent and should include public consultation.

I am aware of three significant benefits to our

Township from Barrie's proposal. 1. Cross border servicing for some of our upcoming projects and servicing for our industrial lands. 2. Environmental protection of Little lake and headwater of Willow Creek. 3. Revenue sharing. Described as the largest compensation plan from one municipality to another in the history of our province. Barrie has offered 10% tax revenue sharing of any new taxes created from this endeavor and has estimated the cross-border servicing agreement they are offering will add an additional 8 million dollars annually to our coffers. I can see away forward with this discussion where both the City of Barrie and The Township of Springwater WIN.

Brad Thompson, Ward 3 Councillor, Township of Springwater

As I was not on Council last term when your questions below were addressed, I cannot speak to those. I did however, speak to Mr. Smith letter during last week's meeting and I will stand by what I said about the direct quotes from Mr. Smith's letter: "Present annexation is inevitable" – Annexation is not inevitable. It is our job as a Council to develop a plan of how we move forward and fight for Springwater.

"The previous maps that have been presented in Barrie Today are incorrect and do not represent the true scope of the annexation." – I do question how Mr. Smith is aware of another map, while this Council is not. If there are other maps Mr. Smith is aware of, I would hope he would be bringing those to Council to ensure we understand the true scope.

Speaking for myself, this conversation is 100% about how we consolidate our efforts and fight to keep Springwater lands in Springwater.

Danielle Alexander, Ward 2 Councillor, Township of Springwater

The people of Springwater need to be highly alarmed when it comes to talk of a Barrie boundary conversation.

Loss of significant tax revenue, both presently, and in the future should also be of concern. We are undertaking some large projects in our municipality, and we have present infrastructure to maintain. Examples of this are the Craig Road the new recreation center. Even the arena in Elmvalle could be a questionable expense if tax revenues drop and expenses rise. We will need the tax revenue to support this infrastructure, and we will need the continued growth in Springwater to support them into the future.

Many people are not aware that Springwater is boundary extended to Cundles Road in Barrie at one

time. What we are experiencing now is the further erosion of our municipality. My justifiable fear is that once our municipality is no longer economically viable, we will cease to exist.

When large portions of our municipality disappear, and no longer pay taxes, we will also lose the ability to develop areas that are of importance to us. We will lose planning and site control over properties that once were ours. There will be large, environmental concerns, and the guaranteed loss of agricultural lands.

There are some in Springwater, who believe that a Barrie land grab is inevitable and that we have no sovereignty. I am completely opposed to this view. Just this last summer we saw strong opposition to our present provincial government building in the Greenbelt. With that strong opposition, we saw a complete reversal from our provincial government's plans. This just goes to show that people who show concerned can enact change. This change, of course was for the better and we can do the same here in Springwater. Barrie presently has many acres of industrial land ready to be developed in the south end of Barrie. There is no justifiable need for them to expand into our municipality.

I am becoming increasingly concerned that those in Barrie who want to acreage don't care about with the loss of prime agricultural land. I am not opposed to logical development, however, losing agricultural land simply because it benefits, land speculators, and developers is not a position I am willing to take. In the case of TNR doors, the discussion last term was whether or not to allow them to build on agricultural lands when we have industrial lands in Springwater already set aside.

I respect the opinions of Mr. Smith, and I also recognize his abilities as a businessman. That being said, I know that businesses can make their home in Springwater in our designated industrial lands, rather than redesignating lands via an MZO.

Springwater stands to lose out. We stand to lose Springwater as a whole if this land grab moves forward.

Thank you, Phil Fisher, Ward 5 Councillor, Township of Springwater

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

"If you don't make a decision soon, the Province will step in and make it for you!"

Premier Ford stated "I don't know why they are not being co-operative"

Doug Downey said "Best to try to find a local solution"

Some have said "Need to be back at the table"

The best was "what is wrong with Springwater Council?" and I agree

Those statements are alarming to say the least. Council is scrambling and struggling to try and find a path forward with no organization and little to no information. We have no financial viability and impact study, no cost analysis, no vision of what Springwater will look like, no strategy and most importantly no unity in our approach. It would be irresponsible of me as your Councillor for me to make decisions without enough information or input. It is time to get to work. With a new senior management team and 4 new Councillors to consider, we need to start learning, and quickly. In our short 30 years, there has been painful conflict and lasting carnage in the north and the south end, despite this we still created the most beautiful Township to live in with so much to offer and we need to go back and learn from those mistakes and successes – the good, the bad and the ugly. We need to learn as a whole, at the same time, all receiving the same information and as soon as possible. We need to start at the beginning and hear from past Council members that lived through those tough years and the lessons they learned, how decisions were arrived at and ask for their input and opinion on what is happening today. We need to hear from the public on how supportive or not supportive you are and how does this affect you. Politics aside, this is by far, the biggest decision this Council will ever have to make and it will have repercussions, could be good for some, could be bad for some, I don't know. There will be more consultants and professional advisors I'm sure of that and a possible Provincial mediator. If it moves in this direction, the mediator will also need to be provided a desired outcome and strategic approach. The most important thing is that we show the Province that we are working hard on a plan, in a cohesive manner. For when the day comes and if we get to the table, it will be critical that we are well informed and prepared with a vision and outcome for Springwater everyone can be proud of.

One thing is for certain, the pressure is on!
Anita responds to Brian Smith
 To: Brian Smith
 I am grateful for finally having the opportunity to speak the truth. We do nothing by ourselves – I am one of 7 who vote. This was 2 ½ yrs ago – why the outrage now? Thank goodness for YouTube - Springwater Council Regular Meeting
 Please take the time to watch these meetings, I said all along that this was a great project – the location had policy challenges!! Not once did I vote NO. At the time MZO's were for extraordinary circumstances.
Sept 01/21 – Item 5.1 Delegation (41:45) Decision to move to Simcoe County to include within Municipal Comprehensive Review – later denied by the County and sent back to the Township to sort out. **Motion Amendment Passed** – Unanimously (Allen, Coughlin, Hanna, Ritchie, Cabral, Maw Chapman, Moore)
April 06/22 – Item: 9.5 (2:30-3:06) Delegation was pulled prior to meeting. I was not present for this session of Council **Info Report 9.5** - full discussion had by Council where Motion to defer the Info Report related to this matter was defeated
For/Deferral: Allen, Coughlin, Maw Chapman
Against/Deferral: Hanna, Cabral, Ritchie
April 20/22 – Delegation was pulled prior to meeting. I did not have a conversation with Mr

Smith on this day nor did he call me at anytime

Item: 10.2 (51:32) Motion to discuss the green belt buffer zone

For: Moore, Cabral, Perry, Hanna

Against: Maw Chapman, Allen, Coughlin

Item: 10.3 (1:30-1:58) MZO Applications – We in fact created an MZO Policy (Finalized 3 months later) because of this application. You never brought it back to us for reconsideration. We have had several large projects come before us using this exact process successfully which is easy, open and transparent – the province has since adopted a similar process

Motion passed unanimously – Allen, Coughlin, Hanna, Perry, Cabral, Maw Chapman, Moore

Anita Moore, Ward 4 Councillor, Springwater Township

Ms. Belcourt, I want to thank you for your questions. As your questions are specific to Mr. Smith's letter, that was read out by the Township clerk at the regular meeting of council held on 3 April 2024, my response will be in context to that letter. To be frank however, I'm surprised that the far more urgent and significant issue at hand impacting our residents that of a potential boundary adjustment or annexation, as referenced in Mr. Smith's letter, of thousands of acres of Springwater land was not the focus of your enquiry.

Mr. Smith is a valued resident of Springwater Township and a business owner who has contributed immensely through his extraordinary business acumen in his business developments and creating employment opportunities. I recognize those contributions and applaud them.

In respect of Mr. Smith's letter wherein he references employment opportunities lost, I agree, employment opportunities in fact were lost. However I disagree that the employment opportunities were lost due to council making an error. The employment opportunities were lost because the lands in question were agricultural and located within a greenbelt buffer zone. I have no problem using this term as the definition of a greenbelt buffer zone include policy, and land-use zone designations used in land planning for areas of largely undeveloped, wild or agricultural land surrounding or neighboring urban areas, and includes an area of open land around a city, on which building is restricted.

It's important to note that the 75 acres identified in the letter fall within the Township's identified buffer zone, was/is zoned as agricultural farm land, with nothing more than residential properties and the ongoing residential developments per the Midhurst Secondary Plan (Midhurst Special Rule ONT Reg 311/06). It's important to note that the Township's consultant report by McSweeney & Associates identifies a 25% decrease in farming employment between 2011-2021. Frankly this is an alarming stat, especially as the same report shows a 10% average decrease province wide.

All municipalities in Ontario must follow Ontario's Planning Act, provincial policy guidelines and statements, their own Official Plans, and recognize their own planning staff's role. It's true that TNR door manufacturer did relocate to Oro-Medonte, but it's very important to note that TNR relocated their business to appropriately zoned industrial lands within Oro-Medonte. Springwater township recently did review our Official Plan and there are clear areas defined within the Official Plan that identify adequate employment lands, that are properly zoned and located appropriately in close proximity to major provincial highways.

The letter speaks to a formal deputation with support and enthusiasm from many members of council. It also speaks to the withdrawal of their presentation as it couldn't be presented a second time. To my recollection the presentation appeared on the council agenda on more than one occasion during 2022, and

I do believe it was in the month of April. However it was struck from the agendas where it appeared a number of times.

The initial presentation to council regarding this proposal was actually in Sept 2021. On the council agenda at that time was listed a Delegation requesting council support of a Ministerial Zoning Order for Snow Valley Yorkwood for these same lands. A Minister's Zoning Order is an extremely powerful tool that is meant for situations of extraordinary urgency and it overrides local planning authority to approve development without expert analysis, public input, or chance of appeal *www.yourstoprotect.ca. Council at that time did not endorse or support the MZO request, however did forward it as information to the County of Simcoe. Residents should look into the MZO process and understand when, why, and where an MZO is the correct tool to be used.

Mr. Smith is also correct that the delegation could not be presented to council a second time, however that's exactly what happened when the delegation request appeared on the April 2022 council agenda. In fact this re-appearance of the delegation was questioned at the time, but still was put onto the agenda on more than one occasion.

The result, because MZO requests could come before council and be endorsed with little to absolutely no public input or review was that Councillor Moore, to her credit, proposed a motion to make MZO applications part of a transparent and completely accountable process that would move through township's planning department just as other similar planning matters do.

There have since been more than one MZO request that followed this newly implemented process and I would suggest that it works well, particularly for our residents in keeping them informed throughout the entire process, and engaging them for input and comment prior to any decision being made by council.

I do lament the loss of employment, and it is my hope that going forward there will be no need of any annexation or boundary adjustment, and that council welcomes enthusiastically any opportunity to attract business and employment through respectful partnerships with any business or our neighbouring municipalities. One objective identified by Springwater is the implementation of policies of Smart Growth Management in all future planning for Springwater to manage sprawl and to protect farmland for future generations.

I would end by expressing to Mr. Smith that I believe his heart and mind are clearly focused on bettering Springwater Township in both his business and personal life and nothing would please me more than to help bring employment to Springwater, however it needs to be directed appropriately to properly zoned employment lands already identified within our Official Plan. I will also point out the fact that this particular parcel of land may be included in any annexation, or boundary adjustment, and that is not lost.

Respectfully George Cabral, Deputy Mayor, Township of Springwater



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Former Springwater Mayor to Provide Paid Counsel to Council

By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

April 5, 2024 - A former controversial local politician has been selected to provide counsel to Springwater Township council.

Coun. Anita Moore introduced a motion during Wednesday night's council meeting to retain the consulting services of Tony Guergis, a former Springwater Township mayor and Simcoe County warden.

In her motion, Moore said she wanted to retain Guergis's services "to provide training and education in order to assist Council with relevant background information relating to the history of the Township, to be conducted in a closed session as permitted under Section 239(3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2006."

She was also looking for council support to pay Guergis \$10,000 for his services, which would be taken from the Tax Rate Stabilization Fund.

In 2009, Guergis was named the worst municipal councillor in Canada by the Mad River Institute for Political Studies. A Feb. 3, 2010 article in the Barrie Advance newspaper noted Guergis picked up the dubious award "for flip-flopping on the issue, then ignoring overwhelming public sentiment and attempting to force the construction of a landfill, Site 41, on top of a watershed that supplies fresh drinking water for as many as four million people."

As Moore was explaining why she brought the motion forward, a map appeared on the screens in council chambers. It was the City of Barrie's boundary expansion map, showing the parts of Springwater and Oro-Medonte townships Barrie was interested in acquiring.

Council chamber visitors and some councillors were left to wonder what the map had to do with engaging a former mayor to give council a history lesson. There was nothing in Moore's motion that referenced Barrie's proposed boundary expansion so it was a confusing companion graphic to Moore's talk track.

It soon became clear.

Moore was looking for council's support to hire Geurgis to provide counsel to council on how best to deal with the City of Barrie and its boundary expansion plans.

"It's not meant to be personal but meant to be helpful and encourage this council to present a real coordinated effort in navigating uncharted waters and a possible annexation," she said. "Mr. Guergis is a 30 year resident of Ward 4, a three-term warden of Simcoe County and past Springwater mayor, deputy mayor and councillor.

"I believe he has the experience, history and knowledge that can help get us started in the right direction," she added.

Moore said she didn't know Guergis very well but she was impressed with his credentials - extensive media and public relations experience, moderator on Rogers TV for municipal, provincial and federal election debates, hosted Political Speaking tv show, and his consulting business provides strategic advice in navigating the complex world of government policy and procedure.

Mayor Jennifer Coughlin was visibly upset with the direction Moore took the motion.

After providing council with a list of past mayors, deputy mayors and councillors who would be willing to give the current council a history lesson for free, Coughlin addressed Moore directly.

"Nowhere in this motion does it mention the City of Barrie," Coughlin said. "As we said earlier, about making sure when we put something out on Facebook it holds truth and weight, when this council puts something forward in a resolution or notice of motion it should also speak truth."

Moore said she reached out to Jeff Schmidt, the township's chief administrative officer for advice when she wrote her motion.

"It was requested of me to rewrite it and make it simpler and that's what I had to do," Moore said. "If you have any questions about that, I would suggest you ask the CAO."

That statement didn't sit well with Coun. Matt Garwood. "I felt our residents have been misled," Garwood said. "Regardless of who wrote it, your name is on it. "I see this motion as an attempt to say one thing publicly while using the curtain of a closed session meeting to disguise this delicate discussion," he added.

Garwood said he is not in favour of bringing in a consultant who does not have the trust of the community or bringing in someone who was not elected to represent the community. He said the current council was elected to make those decisions and that's what council should be doing.

"This is passing the buck to somebody else," Garwood said. "We can have a conversation in closed and say whatever we want in closed and then we can't say it out of closed to then get back to the table with the City of Barrie.

"When I make a mistake, I know I've made a mistake and I say it at this table that I've made a wrong turn and I correct myself. "Maybe that's what we should be doing here," Garwood added. Identified

by Moore as a contributor to the motion, Schmidt clarified his role.

"I did not recommend," he said. "This is not a staff recommendation to council so there is not a recommendation from myself or any member of my staff as it relates to this matter. "There was advice and guidance provided. It does not mean that we agree or we are recommending what's in front of council tonight.

"I just want to clarify that as much as there was conversation with Coun. Moore regarding this, and there was clarification sought as to whether or not this was dealing with the City of Barrie, it is not my notice of motion," he added.

Coughlin said she received a phone call from Guergis last week where he asked her if she would be open to listening to his advice. She said she would welcome any former member of council to give advice to the current council. According to Coughlin, Guergis said it would be more of a formal presentation to council and he would provide advice on negotiations with the City of Barrie. "I assured Mr. Guergis at that time, that under no circumstances could this council resolve into closed to discuss something that in open we have said we are not entertaining, we are not going to do.

"To have something where we have told the public we are not going to consider boundary adjustments, it is not a consideration, we are not going to negotiate it, it's off the table and then resolve into close to discuss it. "Even talking about it is so wrong," Coughlin added. Despite the mayor's concerns, council soldiered on. Deputy Mayor George Cabral supported Moore's motion. "To sit here and do nothing, that's what we'll get folks - nothing," Cabral said.

Coun. Phil Fisher, who represents Ward 5 residents in Midhurst, said everyone in the township should be taking Barrie's boundary expansion plans seriously.

"We're the first domino that will fall but eventually all of the dominoes will fall and we won't have a Springwater," Fisher said. "This is putting our municipality on the butcher's block."

In the end, council voted four to three to support Moore's motion in a recorded vote.

Deputy Mayor Cabral and councillors Moore, Fisher and Alexander voted in favour of the motion. Mayor Coughlin and councillors Thompson and Garwood voted against the motion.

It was further clarified that Guergis would be paid on an hourly basis up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Moore said Guergis' hourly rate is \$300.

Township of Tiny Opens Nominations for the 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards

By Township of Tiny

April 8, 2024 - Tiny- The Township of Tiny is calling for nominations for the 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards. The nomination period closes at noon on August 30, 2024. Award categories include the following:

Corrie Hamelin Memorial Community Volunteer Award This award recognizes an individual who has volunteered their time and energy to more than one community association, organization or cause, in a selfless manner; and/or has strong beliefs in giving back to the community and benefiting the people of the township.

Robert Robitaille Memorial Volunteer Award This award recognizes an individual who has generously volunteered their time and has been committed to the development and advancement of parks and recreation in the community; and/or has made a difference and as a result, has improved the quality of life in the township.

Senior of the Year Award, also known as the "Heart of Tiny Award" This award recognizes an outstanding senior who, during or after the age of 65, contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural, or civic life of the township.

Youth of the Year Award This award recognizes

an outstanding youth who, before or during the age of 18, contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural, or civic life of the township.

If you know or are a Tiny resident that is worthy of one of these awards, please submit up to one page of details including:

- the reason for the nomination,
- the special work or service,
- the effect it had on the community, and
- who has benefited from these efforts.

The nominator may include additional information with the nomination such as letters of support, copies of certificates, newspaper clippings, and/or stories. An individual cannot be nominated for achievements related to a current political appointment.

"We are excited to announce that we are accepting nominations for our annual Citizen of the Year Awards," said Mayor David Evans. "These awards allow us to recognize those who contribute to the wellbeing of our community and make Tiny such a great place to live. If you know a Tiny resident that should be recognized, I encourage you to submit a nomination".

For more information or to view the nomination applications, visit www.tiny.ca/volunteer.

Winter Sand Removal Program

By Town of Midland

April 8, 2024 - Every spring crews start the Winter Sand Removal program. This yearly maintenance is essential in keeping our roads, sidewalks, parking lots and other areas safe and clear from dust and debris.

The program takes place in the early spring and runs until the end of May. Overnight sand removal operations may take place in areas where there are numerous pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, vehicles and on-street parking during daylight hours. We understand that extra noise at night can be a concern and we apologize for any inconvenience. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Winter sand removal at night has concluded, sand removal will continue during the day with two Crews working towards each other from the East and West of Town. Weekly schedules are weather dependent and subject to change. Find the weekly schedule, read the FAQ's and subscribe to our Winter Sand Removal page to receive updates. <https://www.midland.ca/en/living-in-midland/winter-sand-removal.aspx>



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Springwater Councillors Take Another Route to Try to Rein in Library

By **Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, BarrieToday.com**

April 4, 2024 - Over the last few months, the Springwater Public Library has come under fire from some members of Springwater Township council.

Pretty much anything to do with the library, from replacing outdated lighting systems in the Elmvale branch to the competency of the library board, has been questioned, debated and discussed — at length. Wednesday night's council meeting saw more of the same.

Ward 2 Coun. Danielle Alexander brought forth a notice of motion supporting a two-year-old County of Simcoe resolution that called on the province "to modify the Public Libraries Act (PLA) to provide greater accountability to library services by making library services a reporting department of the funding municipalities."

Before explaining why she brought forth the motion, Alexander acknowledged the folks in the gallery, many of whom, she rightly noted, were there specifically to hear the library discussion.

"I want to point out that this is not a motion that I specifically wrote," Alexander said. "What I am asking for is support of a resolution that was passed by the County of Simcoe in 2022. I want to make very clear my intent.

"In no way am I trying to close down branches of our library and in no way am I trying to have any employee lose their job. That is not the intent, 100 per cent, I can assure you," she said.

"It's about accountability to the taxpayer who funds the \$1-million plus operating budget of the library. This is about bringing the library into the fold of the township," she added.

Alan Sakach, press secretary for the minister of tourism, culture and sport, told BarrieToday in an email the government has no intentions of changing the PLA.

"In Ontario, public libraries are under the management and control of a board that is appointed

by the municipal council," Sakach wrote. "Currently, there are no plans to open or amend the Public Libraries Act to change the governance structure."

Sakach said the government recognizes the "important role" of public libraries in meeting their communities' unique and evolving needs and noted the province is providing \$27 million in annual funding for the public library sector.

"Investments in libraries help communities across the province access essential resources and services," Sakach wrote.

Alexander's motion came two weeks after the library board made a presentation to council in response to what library board chair Adrian Graham called "inaccurate comments made at the council meeting on Feb. 21, 2024, regarding a motion to contract out library services, replacing library management, which is the CEO, and the competence of current library board."

At that presentation, Graham said under the PLA, township council has no legal authority to contract out library services for an existing library system. He said the PLA grants library boards the status of a completely independent corporation as soon as the library board is established by council bylaws.

"Our national award-winning library seems to be on the agenda pretty frequently in this council," said Coun. Brad Thompson, council's representative on the library board.

"I have two questions for Coun. Alexander. First, can you give me or the province specific examples of financial mismanagement that you are concerned about?"

"And, second, you supported the motion last meeting to have a staff report to find language in the PLA that would allow you to contract out library services."

"Are you suggesting now that you replace last week's motion with this week's motion and recommend that we stop wasting staff time and taxpayers' money on this report?" Alexander responded.

"In terms of financial mismanagement, I've never said that," she said. "I've questioned things in the

budget but I've never made the comment that there is financial mismanagement."

She said there needs to be a different operating structure for the library and she's open to exploring as many avenues as possible. Coun. Phil Fisher said the motion "speaks for itself" — library services should be directly accountable to the municipalities and taxpayers that fund their operations.

"I've said this multiple times for those of you who do pay attention, and not on Facebook, actually pay attention to council," he said.

"I'm in favour of the library, but it's my job as a councillor to look at every single department, and, I've said this many times and it usually doesn't make it into publication, but I've said this many times, when I take a look at their budget I have serious questions."

Fisher said he's never advocated for closing branches or cutting back staff.

"We just want the library to report, as the fire department does, as roads and fleet does, as any other department does," he said. "This is not changing the library in any way. It's simply bringing them under as a department."

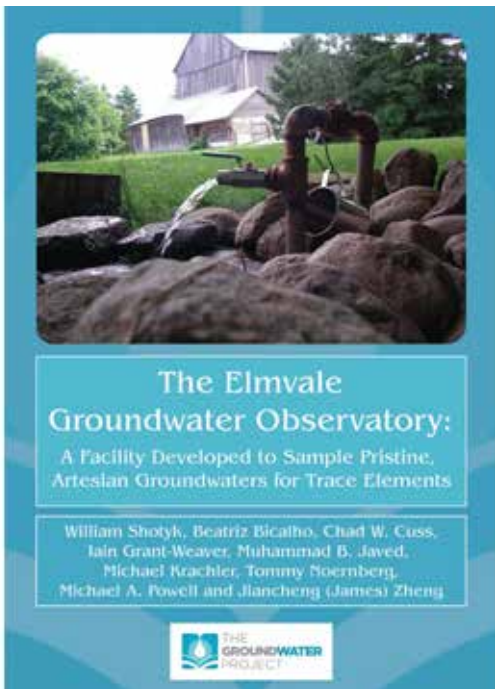
Two years ago, Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin was part of the Simcoe County council that drafted the resolution Alexander wanted council to support. Coughlin said she couldn't support Alexander's motion.

"This motion was before the County and I championed it at the County," Coughlin said.

"The difference here is, my concern is, that this is not about accountability; it's about control. It's difficult when you find yourself voting on something twice, and it's the exact same words, and it's an entirely different feeling. I will not support this," she added.

Council passed Alexander's motion. In a recorded vote, Coughlin and councillors Thompson and Garwood voted no. Deputy Mayor George Cabral and councillors Anita Moore, Alexander and Fisher voted yes to pass the motion.

Elmvale's Flowing Artesian Ground Waters is Celebrated



By **William Shotyk, President, Elmvale Foundation Bocock Chair for Agriculture and the Environment, Department of Renewable Resources, University of Alberta**

April 7, 2024 - The Elmvale Foundation celebrated World Water Day (on Friday March 22), with a book launch! The book is entitled *The Elmvale Groundwater Observatory: A Facility Developed to Sample Pristine, Artesian Groundwaters for Trace Elements* and was written with my coauthors Beatriz Bicalho, Chad Cuss, Iain Grant-Weaver, Muhammad Babar Javed, Michael Krachler, Tommy Noernberg, Michael Powell, Jiancheng (James) Zheng. The book is published by The Groundwater Project which is a

Canadian charity led by Prof. John Cherry. All of the books published by The Groundwater Project (40 and counting) can be downloaded for free. There have been more than a quarter of a million downloads already, with readers in 178 countries. One thousand volunteers from 70 countries have translated these books into 47 languages. Here is the link to download our book for free:

<https://gw-project.org/books/the-elmvale-groundwater-observatory/>

Having tested the flowing artesian ground waters of the Elmvale area for more than 30 years, the book summarizes the main research findings. While the focus is on trace elements and the importance of dedicated wells and contamination control, data is included on major ions, organic contaminants (none were detected), the estimated age of the water and a geological cross section where the wells are located.

The launch included a reception and live presentation of the highlights of the book on the University of Alberta campus. It was an honour to host so many esteemed colleagues from the University of Alberta: Drs. Stan Blade (Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences), and Victor Adamowicz (Vice Dean) as well as Dr. Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell (Dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, and Vice Provost). Also in attendance were Drs. John Zhou, Vice-President of Clean Resources, and Dr. Brett Purdy, Executive Director of Environmental Innovation at Alberta Innovates. The soil science community was well represented, with Drs. Anne Naeth (Director of the Land Reclamation International Graduate School), along with David Chanasyk, Scott Chang, Miles Dyck, and Tariq Siddique. Pieter de Vos attended to represent the Bocock family.

The presentation was available online, and it was great to see Kim Sturges, O.C. of WaterSMART, Prof. Gus Hill of Wilfred Laurier University and Erik Schomann of Seneca College, as well as friends and neighbours from Springwater and Tiny Townships, and Beausoleil First Nation, in addition to coauthors of the book and members of our groundwater study team.

The presentation plus the Q/A session were filmed, and the video has been posted online: the link to the video is given below

<https://youtu.be/XqyU-FdO72s>

Special thanks to Fiorella Barraza, Andrii Oleksandrenko, Pamela Wescott, and Quincy Ybanez for helping to plan and host the book launch, and to Andrii for filming the event and processing the video.

The Elmvale Foundation is a federally registered charity for environmental science and public education. If you are able to support our efforts, donations can be made online and are received with sincere gratitude:

<http://www.elmvale.org/elmvalefoundation/donate.html>

Questions about the Elmvale Groundwater Observatory may be submitted to shotyk@ualberta.ca and enquiries about the Elmvale Foundation may be sent to bill@elmvale.org

To address commonly asked questions about water quality, plain language updates will be posted on Instagram where I am @waterwasyl

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Survey Says!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who filled out our library survey. We had an amazing, record-breaking number of responses! The top three words most mentioned in the survey were: Staff, Books and Community. Next steps include the Strategic Planning Committee, Library Board members and staff compiling/analyzing the responses for our strategic plan. Thanks again for all your wonderful support!!

Volunteer Income Tax Program

In person, phone appointments and drop off processing of taxes are available for those within the tax brackets of \$35,000 for one person, \$45,000 for two people and up to \$50,000 for a family of four. In person appointments are available in March and April, please contact us to book your appointment at (705) 322-1482. If you are using the drop off method of tax processing, please ensure your documents are in a sealed envelope labelled INCOME TAXES and includes your date of birth, contact information (name, address, phone number and email address). This program operates in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Sea Cadets Reach New Depths



April 3, 2024 - On March 23 and 24, 2024 five members of the 286 Trillium (RCSCC) Midland Sea Cadet unit learned a new, completely free, lifelong skill provided by Huronia Navy League at the Barrie Scuba House. This skill acquisition began with a swim at the Midland's YMCA pool where potential Cadets showed their swimming skills to determine if they were ready to begin their PADI certification. Following this, the in-pool skills required the Cadets to learn how to wear the scuba equipment, breathe under water, swim with their gear on, and be safe at all times. After a great weekend of learning, the Cadets will meet again with Barrie Scuba House in

May for their in-water training to finish their PADI open water certification. The final swim will be in Georgian Bay at Cedar Point. Way to go Cadets! Any teens, 12-18, interested in learning more about our free program or joining the Sea Cadets, can contact our office on Tuesdays around 6pm: 705-536-1660 or 286sea@cadets.gc.ca In April, our Cadets will have fun at a glow in the dark bowling night and a weekend get-away in Owen Sound earning their Emergency First Aid and touring Georgian College, the Chi-Cheemaun, among other activities.

Creative Adults: Butterfly Art

Create a beautiful 3D painting. All materials provided. Tuesday April 16 at Elmvale Branch. You can register for either the 2pm program or 6pm program. Cost \$10.

Storytime Special Guest

We will have special guest, Linda, from the Barrie Native Friendship Centre to Storytime at the library on Wednesday April 17, 10:30am Midhurst Branch. Linda will be reading some stories and teaching some friendly words to say, "Hi!" to new friends.

Drop in Craft: Handprint Animal

Come on into the Midhurst or Elmvale Branches and make a handprint animal. Some examples include; Cow, Lion, and Duck, among others. This drop-in program is available as supplies last. Starting April 19, 2024.

Sublimation Magnet

Using the Canva platform and our sublimation printer, design two magnets to print and take home. Ages 8 and up. Ages 8 to 11 to be accompanied by an adult. Thursday April 25, 6pm-7pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$4 for two magnets. Registration required.

Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival Book Sale

The Friends of Springwater Library will be hosting the library's annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival Book Sale on Saturday April 27, 10am-3:30pm at Elmvale branch. We've received some amazing donations of books and DVDs you won't want to miss! Get your summer beach reads now and support the library.

Master Gardeners: Shade Gardening

Best practices and best plants for shade gardening, including some attractive seasonal and perennial combinations. Tuesday May 14, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

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Earth Day Craft

Make a hanging Earth craft. This program will be available on Friday, April 26th at 4:00 pm for ages 4-12. Program fee is \$1.00. Must have a valid library card to register.

Visit to Awenda Park

Join Tim Tully, Chief Park Naturalist for a guided tour of the park on Friday, May 24th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Register in person at the library with your library card. The programming fee is \$5.00. Remember to bring your own lunch! Registration begins April 12-April 19th for residents of Penetanguishene and valid Tiny residents. For members holding a reciprocal borrowing agreement membership, registration will begin after April 22. Penetanguishene and valid Tiny card holders may continue to register during this time.

Do it like Da Vinci!

Join a Scientists in School instructor and follow in Da Vinci's steps on June 7th, 2024, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Paint to explore solubility, absorption and surface tension. Become an inventor by building a catapult. Discover the joy of combining science and art!

This program is open to ages 5-12. Register with your library card. Programming fee is \$2.00.

New @PPL

Mother's Day Vintage Tea Cups and Saucers for sale!

Purchase your Mother's Day Tea Cup with chocolate teacakes and Tetley Tea inside. The Friends of the Library have prepared a beautiful assortment of gift tea cups and saucers which are displayed at the library. Purchase your Mother's Day Gift and enjoy a cup of tea with your mom on Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day!

Penetanguishene Public Library has a large collection of multi-lingual books and DVD's. Find books and DVD's in Russian, German, Spanish and French in our multilingual section.

2024 Park Passes are available at the library. Check-out with your library card for one week and enjoy Spring walks through the park.

Library Board Meeting

The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for April 29th, 2024. This meeting is open to the public.



By Jennifer Gray, Township of Tiny, Senior Column Writer

Walking

The unusually warm weather this year blurred the lines between the seasons but the calendar made spring official on March 19. Spring in itself is a rejuvenating concept; it signifies new beginnings and fresh starts. It's a sign of brighter, warmer, longer days ahead and opportunities to fill them. We become spurred into planning and cleaning mode: plans for our gardens, plans to clean windows, clean out the garage, clean and declutter our houses. It's a good feeling to get rid of the cobwebs.

What about our physical cobwebs that have accumulated over the winter months? We should also make a spring plan to get outside for some exercise.

Walking is one of the best exercises we can do for ourselves. A mountain of information is available on the benefits of walking for older adults. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research presents findings that walking outdoors, especially in nature provides physical and emotional benefits.

Walking can strengthen bones and muscles, lower risk of heart disease and cancer, ease joint pain and boost the immune system. It can also reduce anxiety or depression and improve sleep.

Walking is also a highly cost effective and accessible activity. No fancy equipment is required. All that's needed is a comfortable pair of shoes, suitable clothing and a route. It doesn't have to be far or fast; a walk around the block, or even down the road and back is a good start. Distances can be increased slowly and routes changed up. There's lots of enhancements to make walking easier and more enjoyable. A pair of walking poles or a cane helps with balance. Pedometers or Fitbits have become popular for counting steps. Music, audio books or podcasts are an enjoyable companion if used safely. Walking with others is a great way to add social enjoyment to the activity.

Fortunately for us, the Township of Tiny has some wonderful walking and hiking opportunities. The Tiny Rail Trail, established in 1978, is 23-km long and part of the Trans Canada Trail network. It passes over lovely prime agricultural land and through hardwood forests. The trail's flat surface is a combination of paving and crushed stone which makes it accessible for beginner and moderate walkers. The trail is easy to access from a number of locations it passes through. Awenda Provincial Park, located on Tiny's peninsula jutting into Georgian Bay also has a wide variety of groomed trails. They range from easy to difficult, providing a good selection for walkers and hikers of all levels. Parking and public facilities are available.

The Tiny Marsh Loop Trail located on Tiny Flos Townline, is another option and a great destination for nature lovers. This area is Ontario's first provincially owned and managed wetland. It offers 600 hectares of marsh and 300 hectares of field and forest. Observation towers, a marsh viewing mound, wildlife blind and boardwalk provide great opportunities for bird watchers. The biggest obstacle will be getting out your door but once you do, you'll be surprised at how good you feel. So, the next time someone tells you to take a hike, just smile, put on your shoes and go.

Trail information

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Awenda Provincial Park: https://www.ontarioparks.ca/pdf/maps/awenda/park_map.pdf

Tiny Marsh: <https://maps.simcoe.ca/Trails/?TRAIL=TinyMarshLoopTrail>

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Pension Plans

By Brian Belcourt, Financial Advisor

April 7, 2024 - How are Canadians saving for their retirement in these difficult financial times. With the increasing cost of living, housing, food, transportation, and clothing, where do the funds come from to save for retirement?

This is why it is important to have a pension plan at your workplace to provide the necessary funds to support your retirement spending. There are different types of Pension Plans that a workplace puts in place for their employees. The Pension Plan could be a defined contribution pension plan (DCPP), a defined benefit plan (DBPP) or a pooled registered pension plan (PRPP).

A defined contribution pension plan is the most common type of plan by employers today. The reason it is popular with employers, is that they have controlled costs for the future of the company. Both the employee and the employer typically contribute a percentage of your salary into the plan. When you retire or leave the company the fund value is your retirement savings. Typically, if you are 55 you have the option to start an income from the value of the retirement account or you can leave it until 71. You are responsible for the investment in the account during the growth and income stage of the investments. The value of your Pension Plan depends on the investment performance of the funds in the pension plan. After you leave your employer, you have the option usually to move the value of the account into a (LIRA) Lock in Retirement Account with your financial advisor or leave the funds with pension provider. When you decide to start an income from your DCPP or LIRA you must follow government rules on withdrawals from a (LIF) life income fund, or you could purchase an Annuity. The advantages of a DCPP are; 1. You control the investments and 2. You can name a beneficiary who will receive 100% of the value of your investments at time of your death.

A defined Benefit Plan guarantees you'll receive defined monthly benefits. Some plans the employer contributes all the funds into the plan with other plans, the employee also contributes into the plan. A DBPP is typically calculated by your years of service, your age, and your salary. A DBPP works very much like an Annuity guarantee income for your life. In a DBPP the employer is responsible for the investments in the pension plan to make sure there is enough funds to support the employees pension benefits. The advantages of an DBPP are the employee knows how much they will receive in retirement and the funds will last their lifetime if the employer properly funds the account.

A pooled registered pension plan is like a Defined contribution pension plan except the Employer contributions are not mandatory. The PRPP was introduced to help small businesses and self-employed individual save for retirement.

Employment pension plans are more important than ever with families struggling to save for their retirement. Also, life expectancy will increase meaning your retirement funds will have to last longer.

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Sagkeeng First Nation Exchange Trip

By Milla Greavette, EDHS Student and Greg Davidson, EDHS Teacher/Exchange Coordinator



April 8, 2024 - This April 20th, a group of students from Elmvalle District High School will be embarking on an exchange trip all the way to Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba. Manitoba is a completely new and different environment

for almost everyone going on this exchange and for our “twins” coming to Ontario will be totally different for them as well.

When we are in Manitoba we will do much sightseeing and will definitely visit the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg. But it's not all about the sightseeing; students will also have the opportunity to engage in meaningful cultural experiences. We will participate in different activities led by Indigenous elders, learn about traditional crafts, storytelling, and the importance of keeping Indigenous languages and traditions for generations to come. This exchange trip will be an amazing opportunity for us to learn more about a different culture in person, and discover more about the people of Canada. The students from Sagkeeng will also get the chance to learn about our culture and traditions. Sagkeeng students will get the chance to experience some of our best things to offer in Ontario, such as Blue Mountain, Niagara Falls, maple syrup and more.



Last year Governor General Mary Simon and her husband Whitt Fraser described how exchange trips, like this one to Manitoba, play a crucial role in shaping the next generation of Canadian citizens, mutual cultural understanding, and appreciation for Canada's diversity. “This is the work of reconciliation, you are doing it,” said His Excellency.

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Springwater Council Members Networking



Photo above, left to right: Councillor Garwood, Briana Dean, Manager of Recreation, Parks and Facilities, Jeff French, Deputy Fire Chief and Councillor Thompson

By Matt Garwood

April 7, 2024 - Members of Springwater staff and council participated in the County of Simcoe Municipal Challenge FunSpiel at the Stayner Curling Club earlier this month.

While they didn't take home the trophy, they enjoyed a fun day of networking with staff and council colleagues from across the County.

Thank you to the County of Simcoe for planning the event.

Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to Support Workers

Increase to \$17.20 an hour follows passage of government's fourth Working for Workers Act

By Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

March 28, 2024 TORONTO — The Ontario government is increasing the minimum wage from \$16.55 per hour to \$17.20, effective October 1, 2024. This 3.9 per cent annualized wage increase is based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) and brings Ontario's minimum wage to the second highest in Canada.

“Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is helping nearly one million workers earn more money for themselves and their families,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “We are providing businesses with certainty and predictability by announcing this annual wage increase six months in advance, while also helping families offset the rising cost of living, so that Ontario continues to be the best place to live, work and raise a family.”

A worker making the general minimum wage and working 40 hours per week will see an annual pay increase of up to \$1,355. There were 935,600 workers earning at or below \$17.20 per hour in 2023.

This minimum wage increase builds on the government's Working for Workers Four Act, 2024, which provides ground-breaking protections for millions of workers in Ontario, including strengthening wage protections for restaurant, hospitality and service workers by clarifying that employers can never deduct an employee's wages in the event of a dine and dash, supporting injured workers and banning requirements for Canadian work experience in job postings – a first in Canada.

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On April 1st, the Liberal government hiked their costly carbon tax once again – this time by 23% - as part of a plan to quadruple it over the next 6 years. This means members of our community are paying more for the skyrocketing price of groceries, fuel, and home heating.

The cost-of-living crisis is getting worse by the day. But even as inflation has reached a 30-year high, the Liberal government has increased the carbon tax on Canadians, who are already struggling to make ends meet.

This inflationary carbon tax has a real impact on the livelihoods of Canadians and affects the entire supply chain from farm to plate. From the farmer who is taxed to grow the food, the trucker who transports it, the store that sells it, and the family that buys it. In fact, in 2024, a family of four will have to pay \$700 more in groceries.

Meanwhile, Justin Trudeau and the Liberals continue to work against the Conservative bill, C-234, which would save our farmers a billion dollars in carbon taxes by removing the federal carbon tax from on-farm uses of natural gas and propane, such as grain drying and barn heating and provide relief to families at the grocery store.

Trudeau's carbon tax has forced Canadians to choose between heating their home and putting food on the table. Yet, the carbon tax has done absolutely nothing to address climate change. Canada now ranks sixty-two out of sixty-seven countries, dropping four places from the previous year, according to the Climate Change Performance Index. That is because the carbon tax is not an environmental plan, it is a tax plan.

Only common-sense Conservatives will bring home lower prices by axing the tax on everything, for everyone. Rest assured, I will continue to hold this Liberal government to account and oppose all planned tax hikes.

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

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

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario's new minimum wage will be the second highest provincial rate, after British Columbia at \$17.40 per hour.
- About 35 per cent of workers at or below the current general minimum wage of \$17.20 per hour are in retail trade and 24 per cent are in accommodation and food services.

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Photo above: Midland Rotary members at the regular lunch meeting. Guest speaker (photo on right) Linda Belcourt, Editor NS Springwater News on (left side of photo) with Jason Wilson, Club President (on right).

By Maureen Reid



April 5, 2024 - Annika (shown on left photo) is here on a Rotary International program called New Generations Service Exchange, which is a short-term program that facilitates university students and young professionals in their 20's to visit a foreign country in order to experience life and their desired profession in another culture. In turn, the participant is able to shed knowledge of their profession in their country to those in the hosting country. It is a relatively new program and this is the first time that our Rotary District has participated. The Rotary Club of Midland is honoured to be the first

Sponsor Club for this program in our District.

As a Sponsor Club, the members of the Rotary Club of Midland have been responsible for hosting Annika in their homes, coordinating job shadowing placements, and ensuring that Annika is able to get where she needs to go. On weekends, some members have also taken it upon themselves to show Annika the sights of Toronto and Niagara Falls, and have

arranged tours of some of the local museums and art galleries.

Annika has a Bachelor of Science in Medicine from Aarhus University in Denmark and is currently 3/4 of the way through her Masters Degree in Medicine. She would like to be a doctor and is especially interested in forensic psychiatry. One of the placements we lined up for her is at the Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care which is very fitting. But she also enjoys all aspects of the medical field, so we were also able to arrange job shadowing at the North Simcoe Family Health Team, Hospice Huronia, Huronia Physiotherapy, the practice of Dr. Jeff Golisky, and RVH in Barrie. It has been wonderful to see so many of our local medical practices and facilities being able to accommodate Annika and experience the benefits of this exchange. It has been a fantastic experience for all involved.

Midland Rotary club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship.

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Elmvale Lions are Growing

By Murray Truax

April 1, 2024 - The Elmvale Lions are proud to welcome their newest member. PDG Randy Hargrave can be seen here inducting Daniel Thompson as his sponsor Colin Marshall looks on. Welcome Lion Daniel to the Lions Family



Lions Aid World Wide Disaster Fund

By Murray Truax

April 1, 2024 - Zone Chair Jim Elliott and Governor Jerry Rebidoux are proud to present Past District Governor Randy Hargrave a cheque for \$1500 for Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Elmvale Lions are proud to make this donation to aid this world wide disaster fund

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Winners of the Monday Men's Masters Curling League

By Dave Don



Photo above, Left to right: Dave Lewis (Lead), John Stevenson (Second), Mike Jacobs (Vice) and Mike Townes (Skip)



Photo above: Kent Grunland (Lead), Larrv McMann (Second), Reg Cowan (Vice) and Larry Huth (Skip)

The team of Mike Townes, Mike Jacobs, John Stevenson, and Dave Lewis won the Harold Townes Memorial Trophy as the champions of the Monday Men's Masters Curling League's spring schedule. The win was especially significant for Mike Townes as the Trophy was donated by the Townes family in memory of his father, Harold. On hand to watch the game was Mike's son and grandson. The winners of the consolation side of the draw were Larry Huth, Reg Cowan, Larrv McMann, and Kent Grunland.

The Monday Men's Master League is focused on men who have "mastered" the age of 60 plus. Nine teams and over 40 curlers took part in the Schedule. The group is non-competitive and dedicated to having fun with friends.

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Telequip Wireless U9 LL End of Year Tournament



By Corinna Draper

Hockey parents it's that time of the year again, end of another hockey season.

It's a bittersweet time as families dream of weekends free from cold feet and backsides, but feel a strange emptiness looking at all the free days on the calendar. The U9 LL team, sponsored by Telequip Wireless, wrapped up the season at a tournament in Owen Sound. The team; Hudson Greenwood, William Draper, Emerson Weiss, Addison Carney, Alex Daniel, Calvin Hofman, Rowan Murphy, Audrey Trace, Cameron Temolder, Ryker Smith, Kylan Yoo, Rhys Moreau, Tristan Moreau, and Van Archambault are all hard working, dedicated and talented kids.

Saturday was a great day for a drive from Elmvale to Owen Sound; and overall it was probably the easiest season of hockey driving you could ask for. With a hockey parents dream time start of 11:30 am when we took the ice against the Essa Eagles. The Coyotes started off strong with a goal from Cal and a goal from Van in the first period. Alex showed his strong offensive play to open the second period but Essa answered back with their first goal. Then Van showed off his speed and talent tallying 2 more goals for the good guys. Essa managed to answer with another goal before the period ended. To start the third Van came out strong grabbing his 4th goal of the game! Essa pushed on scoring 2 more of their own to make this one a nail biter to the end. Hard battles by Ryker, Audrey and William backed up by the phenomenal defence of Addy and Rowan helped the Coyotes pull out a 5-4 win.

The team was feeling good going into our Sunday game, dreaming of playing in a final at an OHL arena. We played an afternoon game vs. Midland, a team we had beat the regular season. We had a

rough start with Midland getting off to a 3-goal lead. Grit and determination from Emerson and Rhys with a wall of defence again from Addy kept the kids in the game. Cal turned it around showing his strength and power when he scored the Coyotes first goal. Ky, Cam, and Tristan came out hard and showed off their skills this game. It was Hudson in net who really put on a show, stopping some great shots from the stars on the Midland team. The stands erupted with cheers as Cal's offensive force tied the game. Hudson held off Midland with even more sensational saves but they snuck one by him to give Midland the lead. It was the moves by Van that got us up by another goal to tie the game again. Our team held off the push from Midland at the end to make the final a 4-4 tie! Unfortunately, this left us just short to move on the final game, but our kids left with their heads held high knowing they played hard and left it all on the ice.

It was such a pleasure watching this team grow over the season. More than half of the players were new to Elmvale hockey this year. With that said, we must give a shout out to our dedicated, supportive and motivating coaches. Mike Archambault, Mark Carney, Paul Hofman, and Jeremy Smith; who really know how keep their cool, even when it seems like no one can hear them. Big thanks as well to Amy Smith for keeping us organized and booking the Muskoka hotel, the kids say it was the highlight of the season. We also need to say how much we appreciate the hockey grandparents and siblings for putting in so much time the rink helping and cheering the kids on. You can tell you that siblings don't always love all those hours at the arena but they do love the snacks!

Congrats to the U9 LL Coyotes – you should all be proud of a fantastic season.....until next year.

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Photo above: Double Treble led by Karen Parnell

Churches Join Together in Song

By Bunny Trace

April 6, 2024 - On Good Friday the Elmvale and district community was treated to an exceptional musical performance. Singers from Elmvale Presbyterian, and St, Johns United Churches were led by Bob Breuer and Karen Parnell. The result was an absolutely brilliant, seamless presentation of new music, old hymns and Bible verses. The Choir and Double Treble group gifted the congregation with new songs and encouraged all to join in the familiar hymns. This was accompanied by the Easter Friday story retold beautifully by Rev. Pat Mac Donald and Rev. Tom Mason. An altogether fantastic experience.

Elmvale Curling Club Sunday Mixed 2nd Schedule Champions

By Sue Henry

Team Rick Turner prevailed over Team Bryan Pullen (Sue Henry, Dianne Cox, Mike Grenier) in the championship game of the Sunday Mixed Curling, Second Schedule.

Skip Rick's team included Vice Bonnie Locke, and Vice spares Joanne Downey, Sue Henry and John Stevenson (in the final game photo), 2nd Blake Anderson, and Lead Carrie Adams. Congratulations to all! (Refer to photo to right)

The Elmvale Curling Club is all about having 'Fun with Friends'. Although we have a number of competitive curlers who are involved in Regional and Provincial competitions, Elmvale Curling Club is also about building and maintaining friendships with people in Elmvale and the surrounding areas.



Tim Hortons Elmvale Coyotes U7 LL Team #2 had a Great Season!

By Ashley Archer

March 29, 2024 -The coaching staff could not be more proud of the growth made this hockey season by these 12 players; #3 Jack Pearson, #4 Finnegan Trace, #5 Owen Coleman, #6 Blakely Potter, #7 Emmet Gordon, #9 Kipten, KleinGebbinck, #10 Elliot Brown, #11 Kenley Archer, #12 Brooks Trotter, #13 Leland Osetti, #14 JR, Graham, and #15 Chase Temolder.

The Elmvale Coyotes U7 LL Team #2 proudly wore their Elmvale Coyote jerseys for the last time this season in a tournament in Minto where they showed off what this team was all about. It was evident this tournament weekend, not only were hockey skills made this hockey season but great friendships between our players as well.

To everyone who cheered us on, managed us on or off the ice, and supported us (Tim Hortons) – Thank you!



Lynn Stone Funeral Home U11 LL1 Hockey Team Season Wrap-up

by Mark Carney

March 29, 2024 -Elmvale's Lynn Stone Funeral Home U11 LL1 team hit the ice for the last time this season on Friday by challenging parents to dust off their equipment and show their kids that "they've still got it". Many laughs were had and only a few aging muscles were pulled.

This lively team had a great season of competition with highlights including a second place win in the Danny Wood Memorial Tournament in Midland and showing Simcoe their resiliency at the Marci Cook Memorial Tournament over March break. A huge thank you to our sponsor Lynn Stone Funeral Home Inc. who helped make our season possible!

Many friendships were built between players Jacob Allegranza, Marshall Bates, Wes Carney, Colby Dobson, Nick Haw, Jaxson Holden, Ellie Kenney, Wyatt Murphy, Jackson Potter, Brooklyn Sharpe, Blake Sickel, Dawson Ward-Paige, Tommy Ward-Paige and Bryson Weir. This team developed so much over the season and their coaches and families are so proud of their progress.

A special thank you goes out to Head Coach Matt Kenney, Assistant Coach Gareth Potter, Trainer Shane Sharpe and Manager Mark Carney. Thank you for your dedication to our players and volunteering to take on these crucial roles. Players were supported by an awesome group of parents and much thanks goes to them for taking their players to countless practices, cheering the loudest, celebrating the wins and losses, taking loads of pictures, having those 'on-the-way home' chats, and always being in their players' corners. These days go by fast, so to all our EMHA hockey parents, thank you and soak up those memories with your favorite hockey player(s) while you can because one day you'll miss this.



Photo above, Left to right: Team Rick Turner: John Stevenson, Rick Turner, Blake Anderson, Carrie Adams



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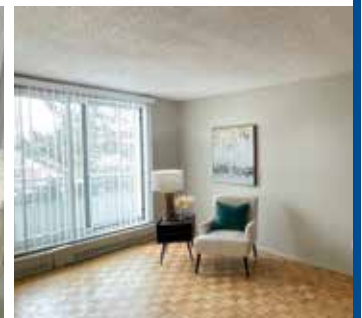


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Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly, International Correspondent



I've always felt that birthdays should be the one day in the year when people remind us how glad they are that we were born, that we add something to their lives, that God loves us and they do too!

The reality is that some think birthdays are just another day, that some people have made too many mistakes to have their lives celebrated on any day. It's not that way for the people of Mugeta.

The day before my birthday they shared that, as they celebrated with me, they would indeed be welcoming a new child into their midst. In fact, here is an excerpt from one of the speeches from the party they held for me.

"Madam Annie, here in Tanzania, Africa, especially here in our school community, we regard this day as a return to childhood. Seventy-seven years ago today, you were not like you are now: you had a child's voice; a child's way of moving; a child's laugh; a child's way of eating and a child's mind. Seventy-seven years ago, you didn't know as much as you know now. You didn't know many



Photo above, left to right: Mama Gambarage, the school Principal, Mr. Danish, Annie Warner Donnelly and Robert Gambarage. They gave Annie a beautiful comforter "so you will never be cold"

people either so, what is the significance of your childhood at age seventy-seven?

Surely it is a great thing to thank God for the many good things He has done for you. He has fought for you so much. He has saved you from the evil things you know, and those you don't know. He has crossed mountains and valleys and rivers and lakes and deserts in your life all these years ... He is the God of heaven. May praise and glory be His forever!

Madam Annie, today, you are the child we have given birth to. Allow us for these few hours to be your father and mother and you be our child. Even though



Photo above: Robert Gambarage, director of the Mugeta English Medium School

we will not hear your voice crying as a child, we hear your laughter so that we know you are as happy as we are today ... We thank God for bringing us a child like you. Our prayer is that God will protect you and lead you to live to old age. We are ready to raise and care for our child and our beloved friend."

I am sharing these words because it was a life-changing experience for me, but more than that, I want to encourage all of us, in our families and in our communities, to speak words of love and appreciation, kindness and commitment to one another. Wouldn't you be encouraged to hear words like this spoken to you? May we learn how to love others as God, our Father, loves His Son, Jesus, and how They both love us.

The speaker I quoted is the School's Director, Robert Gambarage. Like a child having a birthday party, they gave me the dress and the hat you see in the picture taken with him. May we, like the people God created to live in Tanzania, be willing to express our feelings of love. It will be life-changing! Amen



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Key Mortgage Partners Elmvale Coyotes U11 LL2 End Season As Champions!

By Dana Boyle

March 29, 2024 - It is with immense pride and joy that I announce the remarkable achievement of our beloved U11 LL2 Elmvale Coyotes. On Tuesday, March 26th, at 7pm, our team engaged in a riveting battle against Osprey. In sheer determination, our team emerged triumphant, clinching the Gold with a narrow yet exhilarating 3-2 victory.

The journey to this championship has been nothing short of extraordinary. Our players have poured their hearts and souls into every practice, and every game, honing their abilities and fostering an unbreakable team spirit. They have demonstrated resilience, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment throughout this season, especially in playoffs.

Witnessing our "Yotes" take to the ice with such passion and dedication has been amazing for us all. The team's collective efforts, coupled with their talents, have culminated in this well-deserved triumph. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

In the wake of our recent championship victory, it's essential to recognize the invaluable contributions that made it all possible. A heartfelt thank you to our sponsor, Don Stoddart, and Key Mortgage Partners, whose generous support paved the way for our success.

A massive shoutout to Head Coach Matthew McKeown, Assistant Coaches Steve Farrer and Jeremy Smith, and Trainer Joshua Muirhead for their unwavering dedication and guidance, truly amazing coaches here!! Amy Smith, our team manager, demonstrated unparalleled dedication, never missing a beat as she went above and beyond to ensure every

aspect of the team's operations ran smoothly.

Special appreciation goes to Roger Forigo for stepping in when the team needed an extra hand. Our team players are the heart and soul of our success. From Maverick Smith #1 Always protecting our net to Mason Magee #2, Declan Boyle #4, Lane Archambault #8 holding the defensive line with their tireless determination in guarding their team's territory.

Jack Bennett #5 and Jace Strong #7 relentless drive has kept our offense firing on all cylinders. Combined with Audrey Forigo #14 and Remington McKeown #9 agility and Katy Denis #10 finesse, has kept our opponents on their toes. Owen Maxwell #11, Beckett Farrer #12, and Mason Gould #15 have consistently demonstrated their skill and dedication on the ice, while Finnegan Muirhead #16 and Norah Lucoe #17 have showcased their defensive relentless determination.

With their game faces on and hearts full of determination, these players exemplify true team sportsmanship. Our Coyotes have not only brought home the Gold but have also left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Congratulations to our remarkable players, coaches, and supporters. Together, we have proven that with dedication, love for the game and teamwork, anything is possible. Here's to many more victories in the future, and may the spirit of the Coyotes continue to inspire us all.

Congratulations to the YOTES on securing the GOLD! Way to go!



Royal Canadian Legion U9 MD Wrap Up Their Season With A Tournament

By Theresa Dermott

March 27, 2024 - The Elmvale Coyote U9 MD team, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, Elmvale Branch, wrapped up their season in a playoff tournament Saturday March 23rd, 2024, in Owen Sound.

The team's head coach Brad Trottier, assisted by Alicia Noble, Sean Bignell and Ryan Davies led the Coyotes to a strong start in their first match-up against the Penetang Flames. In the impressive Bayshore Arena, Elmvale seemed to have an offensive edge over the Flames in the first, with many scoring chances and offensive end play. Unfortunately, they were not able to capitalize on their advantage and Penetang came back with a vengeance. The Coyotes were not able to get on the board and fell to Penetang 0-7.

After lunch on the shores of Georgian Bay, the team faced the Clearview Canucks. The team was prepared for a more even match-up. The Coyotes were excited to take a 3-0 lead over the Canucks thanks to a hat-trick by defenseman Barrett Dermott, but a win wasn't in the cards. Clearview came back to tie up the game with a 3-3 finish putting the Coyotes 3rd in their pool and ending their playoff journey.

The team worked hard, made some great plays, made friendships to last a lifetime and gained many skills to take with them in their hockey futures. Thanks to manager Kori Potter, and all who made this season one to remember!

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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



Spring Cedar Planked Asparagus

It's Spring which means it's time to fire up the barbecue after a long and wintery hiatus. There really is no better time of year to throw some locally grown asparagus on the grill. Traditionally used for salmon, cedar planks are also perfect for asparagus. No barbecue? No problem! Cedar planks work well in the oven if soaked for 2 hours prior to cooking. Pre-soaking the planks is crucial for safety's sake and to release steam for a rich, smoky flavour whether cooking indoors or out. Use caution with plank cooking and have a spray bottle filled with water on hand to deal with potential flare-ups.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 bunch asparagus (400-500 grams)
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 fresh lemon thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) salt
- Parmesan cheese shaved, for topping

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Soak cedar plank in water for 2 hours before use.



2. Bend asparagus stems until they break off. This will remove the tough, fibrous parts.
3. Toss the asparagus in a bowl with the lemon slices, oil, salt and pepper.
4. Arrange the asparagus on the cedar plank and transfer to the barbecue or oven.
5. Barbecue on medium heat for 20-30 minutes or cook in the oven at 400 F (200 C) for 12 minutes or until desired tenderness.
6. Serve with shaved Parmesan and with more salt and pepper, to taste.

ENJOY!

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Did You Know?

Asparagus is packed with nutrients and is a very good source of insoluble fibre, folate and vitamins A, C, E and K. Asparagus also contains the soluble fiber inulin which promotes gut and heart health.

Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



April 5, 2024 - It is getting harder and harder to know where to hike with this ridiculous weather and forget about snowshoeing this winter. I would have better luck surfing Georgian Bay and as such my snowshoes remained in the trunk of my car and did not see any action. Today the ground is covered with a heavy wet snow, and the backcountry is a right mess, icy and muddy in equal parts. Instead, I decided to check out Grant's woods just north of Orillia. Several times I had passed the sign for this area off Division Road but had never stopped. This seemed like the perfect time to explore a small forest that should not be difficult to traverse while a mixture of rain and snow fell around me.

A word to the warning, the short driveway to the parking area is sporting a magnificent number of potholes this season. However, once at the small parking area, head into the office. It is manned by several very friendly staff that are happy to tell you about the trails. There is no cost to use this trail, but



donations are appreciated. This reserve was donated to the Couchiching Conservancy in memory of Jack Grant and is roughly 21 hectares (or 52 acres for us older folks). There are several trails to take through the old growth forest. The shortest trail is only 230 metres and is fully wheelchair accessible along a raised walkway. How lovely is that there is a forest that anyone can enjoy! For a longer hike

there is a series of four kms of trails leading through old growth forests of white pine and hemlock and crossing several small bridges and walkways across the infant North River. Yes, the trail is wet and muddy in places, but in this season, there really is no where that isn't. Wear the appropriate footwear and be prepared to get muddy. The outdoors are messy this time of year.

The longer Trillium Trail follows the borders of the forest, leading out of the evergreens and into an area of mature mixed forest consisting of maples, beech and ash. Even with the layer of wet snow, spring is attempting to return to the area, as wintergreen, lilies and trilliums are poking thin green spikes out of the snow. The trail is easy, with gentle inclines, and would be perfect for children to explore. Although this was more a forest stroll than a hike, I think I will be back, as this is a perfect place for a quick mental health break or a much-needed moment of solitude once the weather clears. Spring is coming, as this evening returning home, I heard the spring peepers, the earliest harbingers of spring. I love these little guys, singing with such gusto. After all, it is not how big you are, but how loud you are heard!

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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

April 7, 2024 - The sun shone, there was minimal wind and the temperature was just right. When you ask after the wacky week of weather just passed. It was Saturday, March 30 when the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association with the help of some fantastic community volunteers held the annual Rabbit Run and Easter Eggstravaganza. There was a tremendous turnout of runners with over 150 who registered and took part. With three different routes, participants had their choice which path to take and all completed the task in record time. Those who partook received a unique runners token thanks to the creativity of our volunteers. Most commented that they could hardly wait for next year to do it again.



Once the run was over it was time for the Easter Eggstravaganza and the fun and games that were part of it. With a turnout of in excess of 135 the children, with the help of parents and grandparents, took a picture with the Easter Bunny, hunted for eggs, practiced their egg balance and guessed the number of candies in the jar. There were plenty of smiles and happy faces as they collected their bounty and everyone went home enjoying a fun morning.

The CRA sends their thanks to Lindsey and Becca who sponsored the morning and to all the volunteers who assisted in the preparations or were there on the day. Thanks as well goes to the Springwater firefighters who gave their morning to assist with the run and provide assistance where needed and to Springwater Parks and Recreation Department for the equipment.

If you enjoyed the Easter Eggstravaganza, the Christmas in the Village, the Halloween Party, the Autumn Artisan Craft Fair, the Euchre Nights,



Knotty Knitters or the ice rink, then you have to thank the incredible people from Anten Mills who have stepped up and have taken a role in making it happen. The Anten Mills CRA has the task to ensure

there are community activities that can be enjoyed here within the village. When many hands make something happen, then many can enjoy it and it isn't a burden on a few individuals. There are other events and activities that have been discussed and suggested and they need only for someone to sponsor or take the lead. As a Board of the Township of Springwater, the CRA is required to conduct an annual meeting and have volunteers take on a limited variety of positions. There are many in this community who have the talents or abilities to assist with the tasks of the CRA in different ways and they are needed. The Anten Mills CRA annual general meeting is going to be held two weeks from today on Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 PM at the Community Centre. All from the community are invited to come out, hear what is being planned for the balance of the year and what might be proposed for next year. Our Ward 3 council member, Brad Thompson will be in attendance and you will have the opportunity to speak with him about your concerns or suggestions. The Anten Mills CRA has been active in our community for over 50 years resulting in a significant history. Be part of the history, join in the fun and keep Anten Mills filled with activities all can enjoy.

Hospice Simcoe is an organization that assists those and their families who are nearing the end of life. The services that they provide are invaluable and without doubt help those in need. For the past number of years they have had a charity fundraising hike and Anten Mills resident Marjan Dejong Deller has been a source to reckon with as an individual fundraiser raising thousands of dollars single handed for the cause. Marjan is also a longtime volunteer of the organization. Last year, Joan Gannon, another Anten Mills resident, was in the top 10 individual fundraisers for Hospice. This year the fundraising is changing a bit. On Sunday, May 5, the Hospice Simcoe, Hike and Bike for Hospice sponsored by Adams Funeral Home is taking place at Sunnidale Park in Barrie. The bike component is new and for some who find walking a challenge, the bike portion will be fun. Marjan and Joan have started taking pledges and if you would like to help them, check out the Hospice Simcoe webpage and look for them in the Hike and Bike for Hospice banner under the individual members, search and make your pledge. All donations are greatly appreciated.

This past winter we saw a lower than normal amount of snow or precipitation in our area. As a result the ground is drier than usual. Spring cleanup is beginning and in some jurisdictions, burning restrictions have already been put in place. At this time of the year, local fire departments often run from call to call as open air burning gets out of hand and fires escape their bounds. If you are doing yard work, consider using the yard waste services provided by the County of Simcoe which started in this area this week. If you want to have a recreational fire, obtain a permit from the fire department and follow the guidelines. Remember, our firefighters are volunteers and any emergency takes them away from their families. Let's keep them available for unavoidable emergencies and keep our community safe.

A reminder to those who have ATV's or dirt bikes that the County Forest and the rail trail are off limits. The rail trail does not permit off road vehicles at anytime and the County Forest is governed by two clubs who have agreements with the County as well as the township and vehicles are not permitted in the forest before May 1. Check out the clubs website and get your permit before travelling in the forest.

In case you are wondering about Frosty, the Laycock's snowman, as of Sunday, he was still going although somewhat smaller at about 24 inches. This week may be his last until he returns next year. Thanks for keeping us entertained Frosty.

That's it for this week. THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.

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Ritchie's Feeds N Needs Elmvale Coyotes U8 LL2 Had An Incredible Season

By Jennifer Price

The team was led by an amazing coaching crew of Shane, Kristi, Deb and Matt. They each brought a different skill set and ideas to the team which worked magically together. They were given the task of teaching some of the youngest Coyotes the basic skills needed to play this great game of hockey, from skating, stopping, shooting, and passing. You could see the improvement week after week. Games started in November and had us travelling to Penetang, Wasaga Beach, Oro, Clearview and Midland to battle some great teams. With each game they kept getting better and better – they all knew what they had to do, they knew their positions and each happily took their turn between the pipes, but most of all they worked together as a team.

The coaching crew, while busy teaching them on-ice skills were also giving lessons off the ice on what makes a good teammate, and the value of sportsmanship. With each game that was played, those off-ice lessons were being played out on the ice. The team learned how to look for opportunities

to help each other out – made it more about the importance of setting up the goal rather than getting the goal. There was some amazing hockey being played by the end of the season. The kids had a lot of games through out the season and participated in a Jamboree in Niagara Falls. That weekend brought the kids and parents together for an amazing weekend of bonding over hockey. The kids made memories that they will remember for a lifetime – from the waterpark fun, epic mini-stick games, finding out about a “ghost” in the hotel to playing some great games of hockey. Hearing the kids excitedly tell us about their “Wrap Around”, or going “Bardown”, “Top Cheddar” and listening as they celebrated a teammate scoring a goal and doing an amazing “Heart Breaker” or “Sweeper” is something that will always put a smile on your face.

It was amazingly fun season to watch, the skills, life lessons, friendships and memories that were made prove that there is much more to hockey than playing hockey. Thank you to our sponsors, coaching crew, all the parents that were able to get the kids there

week after week and most of all to Elmvale Minor Hockey for providing an amazing season for The U8 LL2 Crew.



Introducing our U8 Team 2 Crew – #3 Corbin Ververs, #4 Landon Phillips, #6 Wyatt Coughlin, #7 Bentley Dupuis, #8 Adeline Maciver, #10 Gunner Ververs, #11 Chase Culbert, #12 Fletcher Prince, #14 Ronan Waldron, #15 Scott Haines, and #17 Douglas Price

SPIRITUAL

Rosie's Devotions by Rosemary Hagedorn

In today's society, there are hundreds of voices on the television and the Internet that scream out, "Follow me!" These voices promise weight loss if we drink this or take that pill. There are gadgets that stop pain or perform many other so-called miracles, if we only follow the advertiser's commands. I admit that I'm one of those gullible people who has given in to the demands of some of these advertisements on the television or internet.

Christians profess to be followers of Jesus, their Leader, their Saviour, their Helper, and their Shepherd.

We are sheep.

Matthew 9:36 – And what pity He felt for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd. (TLB)

The Shepherd is Jesus.

John 10:11 – I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (TLB)

The sheep follow the shepherd.

John 10:27 – My sheep recognize my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (TLB)

Sometimes, when we give in to false promises or we go astray, Jesus promises to leave the other ninety-nine sheep in order to bring us back into His fold.

Matthew 12:11-12a – This was his answer: "If you had just one sheep, and it fell into a well on the Sabbath, would you work to rescue it that day? Of course you would. And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep!" (TLB)

Whom are you following?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Shepherd of our souls and minds, direct our paths, and be with us as we discern the real from the unreal. Forgive our straying and our listening to empty promises. Help us to follow You in mind, body, and spirit. Amen.



Following A Leader

I have an entire collection of Walt Disney classic movies on VHS videotape that either I purchased or were given to me as gifts. All my children and grandchildren have enjoyed watching them over the years. But technology changes, and a VHS player has become obsolete. Today, there is a variety of ways to watch old classics, so I am in the process of getting rid of some of these old cassette tapes.

The other day, I decided to watch Peter Pan before putting the tape into the bag with the others. There is a part in the movie where the Lost Boys are singing the following song:

Following the leader, the leader, the leader,
We're following the leader wherever he may go.
– Oliver Wallace, Ted Sears, and Winston Hibler
This made me question, Whom am I following?

Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay Counts Down to Creative Communities Culture Conference

By Liz Cascagnette, Cultural Development Coordinator

The Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay, made up of the Town of Midland, Town of Penetanguishene, Township of Tiny, and Township of Tay, recognize that celebrating, fostering, promoting, and leveraging their cultural resources helps communities grow a prosperous year-round creative economy. The Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay recognizes the need to support creative individuals, cultural groups and organizations, events and activities that make up the creative economy.

WHAT: The Creative Communities Culture Conference – More Than Entertainment: The Value of Arts and Culture is being hosted by the Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay. Whether you are an artist or artisan, a staff person or volunteer or you support artists, artisans, performers, staff, or volunteers of an art and culture organization, this conference has been developed with you in mind.

WHO: Conference presenters include leaders in the art and culture sector from across central and south Ontario.

- Jennifer Withrow, Deputy Chief Curator, McMichael Canadian Art Collection
- Nicole French, Co-Founder, cHaus Marketing
- Linda Laforge, Portrait, Caricature Artist & Author
- Patricia Monague, Elder/Knowledge Keeper, Beausoleil First Nation
- Madison Fitzpatrick, Emcee
- Flora Shum, Artistic Director, CARFAC
- Jessica Commanda, Lawyer, ALAS
- Erin Smith, Manager, Research, Strategic Planning & IT, Ontario Creates
- Joëlle Roy, Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller
- Noora Rizvi, Program Manager, Arts Across Canada and Arts Abroad, Canada Council for the Arts
- Rebecca Barnstaple, PhD Dance Studies
- Sandi Deschambault, Art Therapist
- Kelly Lefave, Music Therapist

WHEN: Friday April 19, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (doors open at 8:30 a.m. for registration)
WHERE: Midland Cultural Centre, 333 King Street, Midland, ON

WHY: An opportunity for creatives, individuals, and organizations to share and learn from others how important Art and Culture are in preserving and strengthening a community's sense of place. The Arts allow us opportunities to gain experience while permitting us to define a better sense of self, pleasure, increase our ability to communicate with one another, and yes, they provide us with entertainment. We experience culture through the artists' values, customs and stories but is not so much about entertainment. Instead, together arts and culture allow us to reflect on our own cultural values, traditions, feelings, beliefs, and our place in the world today. It is about so much more than entertainment.

HOW: For interviews or to learn more about the conference, or if you plan to attend, contact Liz Cascagnette, Cultural Development Coordinator with the Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay. Liz can be contacted at lcascagnette@midland.ca or info@culturealliance.ca or via phone at 705-526-4275, ext. 2293.

WYEVALE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Karen Moreau, April 7, 2024

Bible Study: Join us Wednesday afternoon 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome. We are studying the Parables of Jesus.

Play Group: Thursday morning play group from 9:15 am until 11:15 am. Drop in Program for parents and little ones. Contact Pat Smith for further details, 705-543-9043.

Youth Group: Contact Pat Smith for more details, 705-543-9043.

Meditation Class: Wednesday, April 17th at Wyevale United Church starting at 7p.m. The class will consist of learning to breathe, calming mind & body. Different ways of coping with stress. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge. Please bring water. For further information call Kimberly Fisch at 249-535-1939.

Spaghetti Supper: May 4th, Save the Date more details to follow.

Looking over the Milk Calendar to see what might interest you and I found this week April 11th is Cheese Fondue Day and April 12th is Grilled Cheese Day. Sounds like a couple of easy meals.

Please if you have any news you would like to share just e-mail me at moreau1949@rogers.com.

Next Submission will be April 21st. Thank you

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'Cyberbullying' an Ugly Part of Tiny Building Opposition: Walma

By Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca

April 5, 2024 - Politicians. They are the lawmakers, voted in by a majority of non-aphathetic residents, intended to lead their area to more prosperous times through efficiency and forward thinking.

However, nothing in life is perfect.

A number of Tiny Township residents braved through a blustery April winter storm to attend the regular council and committee of the whole meetings because they wanted their voices heard once again with their opposition to building a new administration building.

Built in 1967 and with a council chamber capacity for roughly 55 audience members in a basement, accessible by stairwell, the municipal administrative building at 130 Balm Beach Road West was deemed "insufficient for the township's current and future needs" in a 2017 building needs assessment. A 2022 asset management report reinforced the need for the township's underfunded infrastructure, including the building.

Late last year, a protest rally organized by Tiny resident Karen Zulynik occurred where she presented an online petition with 1,000 signatures to council. Despite insufficient seating in the chambers and with elderly residents struggling to use the staircase, protesters demanded council halt preliminary exploration into the build of a modern facility, anticipated to cost roughly \$25 million.

Zulynik's persistence continued over the past months, including knocking on doors and posting flyers to inform other residents of her stance. As the sole administrator of a social media group aimed at Tiny council's dealings, Zulynik has posted almost daily on her interactions with council and others, including sharing documents obtained from freedom of information requests regarding any of council and staff's activities.

During the recent meeting's opening, Coun. Steffen Walma addressed the issue of cyberbullying including incidents where township residents had engaged in "defamatory libel; there's intimidation" against council and staff, through posting on social media of "people wanting to run council over with trucks" and "threatening to hang council members in a meme form".

Zulynik had previously sent MidlandToday a meme image depicting bylaw officers photographing an interior, calling it "a rather interesting way to look at things."

The same image appeared on another social media page regarding contentious short-term rental bylaws in Tiny, generating similar appreciation by its administrator and participants.

"I would encourage the public to stop," urged Walma.

Throughout the meeting, Walma repeatedly asked residents with concerns to speak with council "as your elected officials" directly by in-person meeting, phone or email.

The meeting proceeded through deputations by various residents in opposition to the Tiny Township administrative centre (TTAC) project.

Zulynik took the opportunity to squeeze in challenges against council, mostly in protest of a 300-page TTAC update published days before the Easter long weekend. Council countered that they too received the report at that time and had the same opportunity to digest its contents. She also informed council that the petition had reached over 2,000 signatures.

A resident describing herself as emotional implored council to halt the project, citing the 57-year-old building as being before her birth and that it should remain for her children to experience; another resident with physical limitations opposed the new facility while admitting the inadequate basement lights of council chambers caused hardship and she required external time to recover after attending a meeting.

A deputation by Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA) president Paul Cowley laid out a set of reasons to put a pause on the project, but followed with a set of questions he demanded council answer within weeks.

Walma, prepared for Cowley's deputation, held up a copy of the 2015 strategic plan committee where Cowley had participated, noting several municipal goals including initiating the TTAC project.

Several times during the meetings, a call to order was raised against the vocal attendees.

Mayor Dave Evans interrupted the regular council meeting when voices were raised to ask for respect, threatening to "clear the chambers." In the latter committee of the whole meeting, chair Coun. Kelly Helowka similarly stopped proceedings to urge decorum.

Coun. Dave Brunelle voted in sole opposition to nearly all progress of the TTAC project, sympathizing with protesters and reading prepared statements aligning with their concerns. Over several meetings, Brunelle has continually requested for greater transparency beyond municipal legal obligations or limitations, often being instructed by Walma or CAO Robert Lamb on why such requests couldn't be accommodated.

When the time came to discuss the 300-page report, public works director Tim Leitch gave a high-level overview of its contents and four resulting motions.

The proposed facility looked at by the TTAC committee, including members Evans and Walma, aimed to use new technology for the 50 years ahead of its build.

These included: Meeting net-zero carbon emissions; utilization of geothermal and solar energies; providing an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act environment for staff and the public; reduced-but-open office spaces and increased council chamber capacity including a larger lobby area for overflow and kitchen facilities for functions.

Grant opportunities such as the Green Municipal Fund were being explored, offering a possible 15 per cent on a borrowed \$10-million investment. Leitch explained the justification for Unity Design Studios as the grant writer at a cost of \$100,000, as the amount could offset the annual \$1.5-million grant receipt over the term of the project.

"These are very technical reports that have to be written in a very defined time frame," explained Leitch, "and there are groups where this is what they do. They know the nomenclature... the wording to put in there, and they know how to get these grants approved through the government. We want the success of this grant; we need this grant to make this project - it's very helpful from a financial standpoint."

While stressing that there were no financial decisions or approvals in the meeting, Walma attempted another try to reason with opposing residents through their tax bills via calculations of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

"For the average home in Tiny Township if your MPAC value is \$350,000, that is a cost of \$6.39 a month over the cost of the project; you'd be at roughly \$75 a year to pay for the administrative building, laid out as such," he noted.

Brunelle sought clarification from staff on potential environmental impact regarding ice age grass that could halt progress on the TTAC, but was informed that preliminary studies including environmental assessment would be required as part of the normal planning and development process.

An introduced motion by Brunelle to halt the project and host a public information session "so all the questions can be answered right now" was met with applause by the protesting opposition, but it was defeated as council reasoned answers would be provided once the studies were initiated and completed, with those reports made available for the already-allotted public information session in the project's future.

However, council members did agree to a Brunelle request for an immediate public information session.

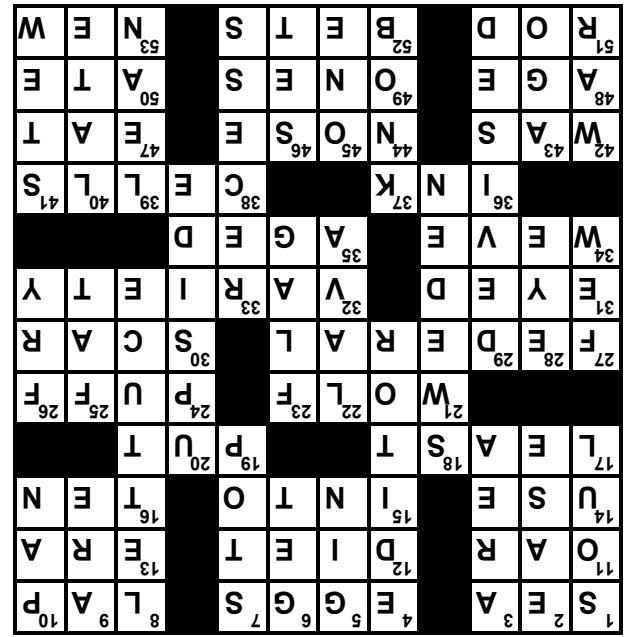
Further discussion arose on its immediacy as the limitations of township space for such a session, and its hybrid bandwidth approach to include seasonal residents, led council to request staff explore external municipal locations, which even included Vaughan. Cost, time and location options were requested for a council meeting later this month.

The olive branch extended further as Walma reiterated his offer for residents to contact him, and other council members, for in-person meetings over the coming weeks.

Direction to the TTAC committee approving of its four options listed in the staff report was given, to be brought back for possible discussion and ratification at an upcoming regular meeting of council.

Walma reached out to MidlandToday for further comment on the cyberbullying aspect.

"This is about sharing a message that you can be frustrated with a process... with a decision, but there's a respectful way to go about doing it. The culture that has sprung from the social media channels is



just inappropriate," said Walma, reiterating online threats regarding "buses with tandem axles" toward council and Tiny staff, who he reminded, were acting on council's decisions and direction.

Anticipating the "toxic atmosphere of people in that room who think no one sees these posts they're making" for an additional public information session with residents, he mused why he would want to subject himself or staff to such an environment.

"I'm in council chambers with people that have joked about killing council," said Walma with a nervous laugh, "and I'm just expected to sit up there and smile."

While not feeling threatened directly by the comments, Walma said the same might not be the same with other council members and staff which was his reason for addressing the cyberbullying issue at the meeting.

He added that while politicians are perceived to have signed up for such engagement, it wasn't what he signed up for.

"I'm all for constructive criticism and discussion, but when it comes to bullying or harassment, there's a line."

Regarding Zulynik's activities, Walma stated: "She never approaches it in a dialogue format; it's a demand format."

MidlandToday reached out to Zulynik for comment on the meeting as well as her social media activities but did not receive response at the time of publication.

However, a post by Zulynik was later made on her social media page on April 4 reading: "Citizens reporting their views and facts regarding anything relating to taxes/costs and citizens rights in direct relationship with what that the Township is doing. Please no hate speech or cyberbullying, no mention of threatening anyone's life." No 'likes' or comments were given by participants to the post at the time of publication.

CAO Robert Lamb was also contacted by MidlandToday for comment on municipal staff response to cyberbullying in the corporation.

"All of our policies relate to staff; of course, we don't tolerate harassment or bullying at any of our facilities. The challenge is when people carry on that behaviour in a social media context that leave us pretty much hamstrung in order to respond to comments that are made." Lamb also shared his concerns about "...comments that were made about 'put them in a boathouse and burn them up' or 'they all need to be run over' with a truck or bus. I don't know why anybody thinks it's acceptable to do that."

Lamb cited instances where people would drive into the municipal office lot to take photos of township staff's personal vehicles to put online and stated that Tiny staff "expressed severe concern" about being intimidated by such surveillance.

Lamb added he had spoken with Southern Georgian Bay OPP detachment commander Insp. Todd Pittman about "possible future steps" if it carries on. "I'm not going to allow my staff to feel intimidated," Lamb asserted.

He stated in his 25 years as an employee of various municipal entities he had "never seen such behaviour," but added that incidents were rising in other communities as addressed by the Online Harms Act put forward by the federal government recently.

The TTAC update report, recommendations, and schematics for proposed facility variations, can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

Archives of council meetings are available to view on the township's YouTube channel.

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Bid Euchre, 1 - 3:30 pm
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705-361-1331

TUESDAY

Elmvale Legion

Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO

Every Tuesday night
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Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club

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Crafts - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Bid-Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

Line Dancing, Progressive Beginners
9:30 - 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
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WEDNESDAY

E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts

Meetings held **4th Wed. of each month from March to Nov. at 7:00 pm**
Elmvale Legion, 7 John Street Elmvale
Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Bridge - 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Indoor Pickleball 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Barrie Region Aquarium Society

meets on the 2nd Wed each month from Sept-June at East Bayfield Community Centre, Barrie
80 Livingstone Rd E.
Everyone Welcome! For more info, email president@1brass.com

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

Chair/Floor Yoga, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Zumba Gold, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Games Afternoon, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
2nd Camera Club, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
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THURSDAY

Probus Club of Simcoe North

Meetings monthly 2nd Thurs. 10 a.m.
For women & men in retirement or semi-retirement. Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St. For more information email klarkins@csolve.net or call Joyce (705)526-3424

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Darts - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

1st Movie and Lunch, 12 noon - 3:30 pm
2nd & 4th Tiny Stitchers, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
3rd Book Club, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
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Let's Do Lunch \$5:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church
2nd Thursday of the month. Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5
For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411 between 9 & noon on the Monday previous.
Pick-up Thursday 11:15 - 11:45 at East side of the church.

Coffee Party

Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
All Welcome, Cost: \$3

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm
Wasaga Beach new Public Library 544 River Rd., Wasaga Beach. All Parkinson's patients & caregivers welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender 905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

Thursdays 2-3:30 pm call 705-526-6077
St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St Midland

FRIDAY

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Gentle Fitness Program - VON Exercise 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Indoor Pickleball - 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

Bingo & Lunch
3rd Friday, , 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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SATURDAY

Elmvale Legion

Saturday at 5 pm
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games
3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00 a ticket (\$25.00 value)

SUNDAY

Good Vibes

First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.
An open-mic music event. For winter months, relocated to Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast, 3276 Penetanguishene Rd. near Craighurst. \$5 donation, tea, coffee & baking at a small extra cost.

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Indoor Pickleball - 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
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MONDAY to FRIDAY

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program

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Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall
Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall
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Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am at various locations, year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm** from a park near Foodland, WB. Weekly, Monday morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal. Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach
1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St. For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

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Drop-in programs will be no charge for July and August.
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ALL DAYS

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April 15, 12-4pm
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Women in a Leadership Role Luncheon

April 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM
With Guest Speaker Olympic Silver Medalist Elizabeth Manley
Cost: \$50 at Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Road, Midhurst, ON
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Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival

April 27, 2024 from 8 am - 5 pm
Arena Grounds, Elmvale
Pancake House, Live Entertainment, Arts & Crafts Shows, Over 250 street vendors

Gardeners' Gathering

Sunday May 5, 2024, 10:30am to 1:30pm
North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre
527 Len Self Blvd, Midland
Brunch, Silent Auction, Raffle prizes, Guest Speakers on Indigenous, Native & Pollinator Gardening. All event proceeds support animals in need in our community. Tickets: \$20, available at the OSPCA Animal Centre, 15979 Hwy 12, Port McNicoll, 705 534-4459

Elmvale Lions 75th Anniversary

June 8, 2024 Family Fun Day. Save the Date!
Lions Hall - Events to be announced at a later date

Embrace Family Fun at the Midland Cultural Centre This Spring!

April 3, 2024 - - With support from the Midland Rotary Club, the Midland Cultural Centre is thrilled to bring an exciting lineup of family events to town this spring season.

The MCC family shows continue with "Catch Me in The Kitchen Story Adventures" on April 20, 2024. Audiences will be enchanted by delightful characters and surprising twists in this blend of storytelling and physical theatre.

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On May 11, 2024, families can enjoy a magical journey with "DuffleBag Theatre's Peter Pan." Watch as Wendy Darling is whisked away to Neverland by an adventurous young boy, encountering magic pixies, charming pirates, and talking trees along the way. This fun adaptation of J.M. Barrie's beloved classic will have both children and grown-ups feeling like kids again.

And don't miss "Be Pozzy" on June 15, 2024, presented by 'Rock the Arts Puppets.' Step into the enchanting world of Creatureville and join a vibrant and uplifting puppet show filled with whimsical characters and heartwarming tales. This lively show promises to capture the hearts of audiences, both young and old!

Don't miss out on these unforgettable family experiences at the Midland Cultural Centre! Tickets are available now and can be purchased online at midlandculturalcentre.com/familyshows/ or at the box office. *By Jess Klug, MCC*

Phelpston News



By Taylor Shewell

The annual Easter egg hunt in Phelpston was a big hit on Saturday March 30th.

Thank you to the Elmvale Lions club for the delicious hot dog BBQ, the Phelpston CRA for running the event and Councillor Alexander.

The bunny was hopping, the Easter music was blasting, the crafts were fun & the chocolate treats & BBQ were delicious!

Happy Easter Phelpston!

Midland Council Appoints Its Newest Council Member

By Town of Midland



(March 28, 2024, Midland ON) At a Special Meeting of Council held March 27, 2024, Council appointed Mr. Jasmin (Jaz) Patel as its newest member of Council. The appointment is effective immediately as Councillor Patel took the declaration of office at the meeting. He will act in his official capacity as Councillor for the balance of the current Council term until November 2026.

"I'm pleased to welcome Jaz Patel to our team. Councillor Patel brings a fresh perspective, a wealth

THANK YOU

Lees Thank You

Where do we begin...Whether it was a phone call, a text or message, a visit or a card, thank you for taking the time to reach out to us.

Thanks to the Nurses & Dr.'s @ RVH that tended to Murray in the past 12 years & during his final journey.

To St. John's United Church Soul Sisters & our many friends, neighbours & relatives who prepared food & meals. To the SOS+2 that served our family dinner between the Visitations. To those who sent flowers or plants & made donations in Memory of Murray, we Thank you.

To Rev Colin & Rev Pat MacDonald for your words of inspiration, thanks for being there. Special Thanks to Kim Birley & Staff @ Lynn Stone Funeral Home for their guidance & friendship throughout this difficult time.

Words cannot express our appreciation for all your strength & support at the time of our loss & these past few months.

Jane, Greg & Tina, Jeff & Katelyn and family



OBITUARIES



BALL, Walter

Walter of Barrie, Ontario, died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 27th, 2024. He was 91 years old, and passed after a tumultuous illness that began with pneumonia on December 25th, 2023.

Walter was born at home on Flos Road 4 West, New Flos, in 1932. Walter farmed until the age of 36. Walter robbed the cradle when he married his wife of over 65 years, Ruth Anne, in 1958. They had 3 daughters on the farm, and after the move to Barrie in 1968, they had a son.

Walter worked in Barrie for Mansfield Denman General, later to become General Tire, until it closed and he enjoyed an early "retirement".

Walter worked every day in his "all-season" garage. He loved to work on fixing things. He maintained our cars, and would fix anything a friend or family member would bring his way. He became known as "MacIver". If he needed a part and couldn't source one, he made it. Walter loved people, plain and simple. He was the neighbour you went to when you needed a drill bit, help with the pool, let out your dogs, or fix your snowblower. He was a wonderful man, with a great sense of humour. Even in his final days, the staff at IOOF in Barrie said he was the sweetest, funniest man. Thanks to all of the staff. We are touched by your outpouring of sympathy.

Walter and Ruth Anne, still farmers at heart, grew a garden every year.

Walter liked feeding the chipmunks peanuts (by hand), and he hated the rabbits that ate his beans, tomatoes and cucumbers! He went to great lengths each season to put up fencing to keep the buggers out. They shared their bounty with neighbours and family.

Above all, Walter loved his family. He is survived by his wife Ruth Anne (nee Reynolds), his daughters Linda (Dennis Hallam), Judy Peacock (Shayne), Diane Hiltz (Mike), and his son Brian (Lorraine), 8 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren, his sister Marion Rigg (Harold), and his brother Murray (Betty), and nieces along with their families.

In lieu of flowers ... No muss, No fuss, just be sure to visit Ruth Anne as often as you can at IOOF.

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CLEAVER (nee Denis), Frances Elizabeth
September 23, 1937 – February 7, 2024

Frances passed away peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland, Ontario the morning of Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Frances is predeceased by her parents Raymond and Nora Denis. Frances is deeply missed by her loving husband Howard Edward Cleaver, a sincere gentleman, her knight in shining armour. They knew each other in their teenage years. Frances and Howard married in 2010 and enjoyed bird watching, gardening, music and dancing together for the past fifteen wonderful years. Her interests included cooking, sewing, decorating and sailing. Frances married earlier in life to the late Bill V. Grant, together they made a beautiful family of six children. Frances's loving children will forever cherish her nurturing love, laughter and respect for yourself and others. She provided a strong loving foundation for her children to ensure they were able to follow their dreams throughout their own lives: "Billy" William Grant (Marjory), James Brian Grant (Wendy), predeceased by Laurie Jane Grant, Susan Elizabeth & Michal Kuchar, Michelle Charlene Grant-Hunt, predeceased by Paula Christine Grant (Dave) and her stepchildren Lisa Ann Cleaver, and predeceased John David Cleaver. She is deeply loved by her living siblings Joseph Denis (Shirley) and cherished her sister Lorraine Denis, especially all her visits. Frances is lovingly remembered by Julia Denis, Carol Grant, Sharron Grant, Neil Grant, Nellie Edgar, Pierre Maurice and all her in-laws, cousins and friends. She is deeply missed by her nieces and nephews that called her "Mom". A cherished grandmother to: Shawn, Tristan, Jason, Brendan, Russell (Jenna), Jillian (Alex), Graham (Maria), Jesse, Joshua, Kristan, Jordan and Sabrina (Michael). A great-grandmother to: Maggie, James, Ainsley, Graham, Dawson and Helena who she treasured. Frances is preceded in death by her brothers Raymond, Mark, Paul and Martin Denis and her grandsons Shawn Elliott Salisbury and Jesse James Grant. In keeping with Frances wishes, a private service will take place and she will be laid to rest at St. Margarets Cemetery in the spring. If so desired donations may be made to the charity of your choice. She treated and loved all like family. When you see a bird think of Frances. Arrangements entrusted to Carson Funeral Homes – L. Doolittle Chapel 54 Coldwater St. E Orillia, Ontario (705)326-3595



JOHNSTON, Loretta

Peacefully passed away on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at the age of 83. Loving Mom to her son James "Kirk" Lowry and to her step-children, Susan Johnston, Arlene Johnston, Natalie Johnston and Robert Johnston. Cherished step-grandma to Alisa and Justin. Dearly missed by her first husband James Lowry. Loretta will be missed by her cousins, Sandy Atkinson & family, Petra Denatti & family, Jerry Fiori & family, and Father James Fiori, the Fiori clan, and her nephews David and Robert Kirkwood. Predeceased by parents Cecile and Lorraine Kirkwood, and brother Brian Kirkwood. She will be dearly missed by the Civitan Community, extended family and friends. Cremation has taken place. A funeral mass will take place on Saturday, April 13th, 2024 at St. Ann's Church starting at 10am. If desired, donations in memory of Loretta may be made to Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House.



KING, Josh

Peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, March 24, 2024 in his 50th year. Beloved son of Margaret. Dear father of Justice, Jade and Jacoby. Cherished brother of Everett (Tracy), Christopher, Kyle (Cheri) and Lawrence (Marissa). Loving partner of Nicole and her children. Will be deeply missed by his best friend Johnny Hawk. He will be lovingly remembered by his nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Josh will be remembered for how caring and loving he was for those he came in touch with. Visitation was held at the Christian Island United Church on Sunday, March 31, 2024 starting at 1:00 p.m. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to Waypoint Mental Health Centre would be appreciated by the family.
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OBITUARIES



MARSHALL, Douglas George "Doug"

Holding hands and encircled with love, Douglas George 'Doug' Marshall passed away on March 27th, 2024 at 5:16 PM in his 83rd year at Mariposa House Hospice.

Beloved and very devoted husband of Georgetta Martha Borrow for almost 48 years and very loving and proud father of Tiffany and her husband, Roberto Muto. Adoring grandfather to the light of his life, Lucianna, affectionately called Luci.

Doug is survived by his brothers, Harold (Janet) of Kitchener, Willard (Helen) of Elmvale, the late Walter (Deborah) of Elmvale, and Sisters In-Law, Heather Fell of Orillia and Iva Jean (Glenn) Andrews of Bracebridge. Doug is the son-in-law to the late Byrdie and George Borrow and brother-in-law of the late Ronald and Billy Borrow. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and their children. We want to send a special thank you to Zachery and Zoe Fell for being with great uncle Doug as he passed into the hands of the angels. Doug has been affectionately known as Mr. Doug, the best insurance broker, and more recently as Dougie. When he was called Dougie Wougie by special people - he said "really"?

Born April 15, 1941 in Minesing, Ontario, Doug was the oldest son of Thomas and Dorothy (Muir) Marshall, both predeceased. The family moved to the Elmvale area 1946 and Doug attended Elmvale Public School and Elmvale District High School. He enjoyed his summer jobs at the Elmvale Creamery so he was off to the dairy school in 1960 at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph. Doug worked in various dairies and creameries- including Bessie's Dairy Products in Stayner, then in Bruce County including Owen Sound, Southampton and Port Elgin. By the mid 1960s the dairy industry became dominated by large corporations, and small dairies were rapidly closing.

Doug returned to Elmvale in 1963 and worked at the Ford wholesaler. He ran a retail bread franchise for Canada Bread. In 1966 Doug moved to Fenelon Falls and operated a summer restaurant and a Canada Bread franchise out of Lindsay. Business was Doug's strength and in 1967 he began an amazing 40 year career as an Insurance Agent and Broker until he retired in 2007. Doug worked for an agent in Lindsay then became manager of an agency in Kirkfield. Doug purchased that agency in 1976 and established Doug G Marshall Insurance Brokers. In 1977 he sold the Kirkfield office and opened in Orillia in 1979. The rest was an amazing 40 years of excellent service to many wonderful clients with many becoming exceptional, lifelong friends. Doug earned his CIP and took many courses, upgrading his knowledge in the insurance industry. He believed that insurance was more than a policy.. He enjoyed five pin bowling, golfing, and curling (and socializing) at the Orillia Curling Club. Doug had an infinity for stock car racing at the local Speedway and on the NASCAR circuit. At the Barrie Speedway, Doug wrote the weekly press write ups for our local newspapers and CASCAR , as well as Ontario weekly papers. He sponsored race cars at Peterborough, Barrie, and Sunset Speedways. He and his fellow race friends attended NASCAR races for over 40 years all over the states. Doug was a member of Westmount United Church in Orillia for over 45 years. He served as a chair of council, on the board

of trustees and every committee on the council during his service. During these years, Doug also served as the treasurer of Muskoka Presbytery for 12 years.

During most recent years, you could find him at local car shows with his beautiful 1967 Dodge Coronet 500. Doug was the most consummate businessman and organizer of all things, including lawn care, snow removal, his yard and his gardens. He loved his daily walks and caring for his yard... Just on March 12 and 14th Doug spent the days picking up every branch or twig that Mother Nature dropped on his yard over the winter. All neatly broken into smaller pieces, he made it easier for his brother-in-law Glenn to load them into the trailer for proper disposal. (Thank you Glenn)

Doug was always super organized in every aspect of his life. Every detail was laid out even as to the day to change the water filter or add Septo back to protect the septic system. He was a master of finances with every detail recorded and arranged for his family to follow in their new life journey.

Georgetta and Tiffany wish to send a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who has taken time to reach out during this difficult time. Thank you to Doug's long- time friend, Don Hilliard. Don visited regularly so Georgetta was able to attend personal and family needs. They enjoyed their coffee and guy chats over racing events, life stories and just listening as Doug outlined his final desires. Special thanks also to all the parents and children who came for visits with Doug over the recent months who were in Georgetta and Doug's daycare since 2005. Josh, you were amazing, we all thank you so much. We also need to mention Amanda Hewitt, Heido LeBoeuf, Erin Price, Tina Tanzi, Tracey Vreugdenhil, Pam Jerney, Cathy MacDonald, Melanie Harlow, Heidi Kent, George Van Dyk, Evan Morgan & Adam Hewitt. Everything each did was very much appreciated by us. Also a very heartfelt thank you to Bev Day for your wonderful support and prayers in the last few days of Doug's life.

Doug knew that he needed to be at Mariposa House Hospice for his final days and it was truly amazing. This place is the home away from Home. The nurses, PSW, volunteers are incredible. We thanked Doug for making this decision to help us get through his final days. We would be remiss if we did not also send a special thank you to our Home care team, Kiera, Erin, and "Dr" Joanne. Doug had such faith and respect in these wonderful people and looked forward to their visits. Dr. Sarah Rask and Dr. Liang Zeng were very trusted by Doug and we thank them for all their care, Dr. Greg Monaghan also deserves to be thanked for his friendship, calm demeanor, and visits and phone calls. Doug was pleased to receive pictures of candles his friends Tina and Elly lit for Doug while abroad. Such a great honour to be bestowed upon Doug. Thank you.

--We will not die with you, we will live for you. Take flight with angel wings, my love. We love you and will miss you every day.

In following with Doug's wishes, a visitation will be held at Carson Funeral home, 54 Coldwater St. E., Orillia, on Sunday April 14th from 12-2pm. A memorial service will commence at 2pm with reception afterwards with family and friends. It is Doug's special request that donations be made in his Memory to Mariposa House Hospice, Severn Ontario.

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