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Housing and Health Event Aims to Move Midland Beyond Status Quo

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca Nov. 15, 2024

Peter Van Der Heyden may be new to Midland, but that didn't stop him from attending a two-part 'hope, housing and health' symposium at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre.

"I've been helping out lately in the community with some of the homeless, and trying to help them with things they don't know about," said Van Der Heyden, who attended the event to network with community groups. "Boy Scout skills, or army techniques of surviving the winter and getting shelters off the ground, and health things.

"Trench foot is something that people don't realize is a problem that you could come across, or you don't always have to go to the drugstore to get something," he added. "I have a truck and trailer so I've helped people when they're moving out of a camp and they found a home.

"I don't play angles; I'm just a fella trying to help out. And I'm in a hard corner as well, but it doesn't mean that I can't help the other ones that are in a tough or a tougher corner," Van Der Heyden shared.

The second annual event gave residents an opportunity to meet more than 15 groups and service providers in the area, followed by a question and answer period.

"Today's event is important to have the opportunity for the service providers to share what they do, and identify the gaps or the duplications (between them)," said Midland Coun. Catherine MacDonald, who had pushed for the second annual symposium.

"This year differs a little bit; to review what we accomplished last year to try and improve the community tool kit."

Some of the groups involved included: the Guesthouse Shelter; Huronia Community Foundation; Gateway Centre for Learning; ConnexOntario; 211 Ontario; the street outreach program from the Salvation Army; Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care;

Chigamik Community Health Centre; and the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre.

Roughly 40 residents appeared as the doors opened for the Thursday afternoon and evening event, with varying reasons to attend and interest in having their say.

One resident who asked to be known as Katherine stated she lived in the Midland Tower apartments at 303 Midland Avenue, and had lost sleep due to late night activity in the parking lot behind the King Street businesses.

"That (green transformer station behind No Frills) that they all hang out at, and go into the corner and drop their pants and go to the bathroom, and do a lot of other things there – that drives me nuts," said Katherine, who said

she was intent on attending the question and answer session to contact the OPP directly and get a response.

"From 10:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. it's little cars with big mufflers and motorbikes, just revving up and down Midland Avenue; and then from 12 till 3 in the morning is the homeless having a party in the parking lot. Sometimes there's a lot of screaming; all that so you don't get any sleep. They've (OPP) got to be downtown more often at night to clear them out."

Resident Betty Kerwin said that the symposium was informative from what she'd learned in speaking with representatives "about the housing crisis in Midland, and what these people are offering."




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Every week the team behind this paper works tirelessly to provide readers the latest about what's going on in the community they call home. There are late nights and early mornings. There are hours and hours spent writing and rewriting. There are pages to layout and proofread. There are deadlines that need to be hit and then, like magic, words and pictures that once existed only in the journalist's mind are transformed into something tangible – a printed newspaper, the bi-weekly miracle.

Readers can be forgiven if they assume that once the paper has been sent to press, that the whole process starts over again. However, the greatest newspaper in the world isn't much good if it doesn't get into the hands of those who want to read it.

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Linda Belcourt, Editor - Nov. 19, 2024



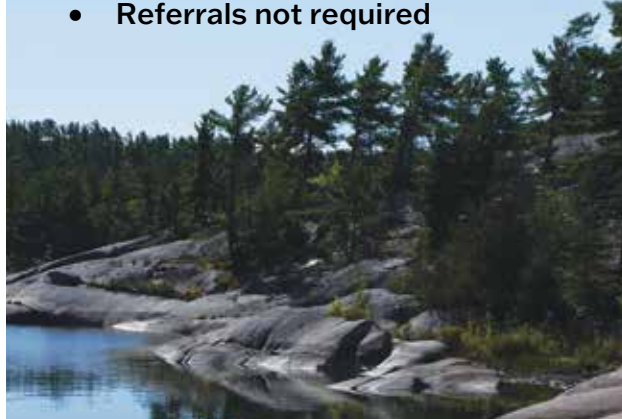
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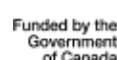
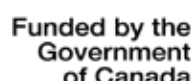
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Silent sentinels: Elmvale war heroes honoured with downtown banners



By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Nov. 05, 2024

The 32 faces keep watch over Elmvale’s main street 24 hours a day, constant reminders of the wars that were waged and the sacrifices that were made.

Most of them are young, barely old enough to vote, their innocent faces, free of the horrors that would become part of their daily existence from that point forward, captured in portraits created days, weeks or months ahead of their being sent to the conflict zones.

Most of them came home. Sadly, none of them are alive today, the last one passing away at least a decade ago. “About five years ago, we were driving around and kept seeing these banners in a number of towns honouring military veterans who fought in the world wars and Korea,” said Jay Schell, owner of Steelers Restaurant and Pub on the village’s main street. “We thought it was a very important gesture and it should be happening here in Elmvale.”

With his wife, Sue, by his side, the Schells took their idea to the village’s Business Improvement

Area (BIA) to see if they could rally support for a similar banner program in Elmvale. Their pitch wasn’t complicated and it didn’t take the BIA long to decide. They were on side with the plan.

The only challenge that first year was the timeline. Remembrance Day was fast approaching and there wasn’t time to create the banners Schell had envisioned. “There wasn’t enough time to get the honour banners made for Remembrance Day 2020,” Schell said. “So we had another design and we paid for those ones ourselves. “It was too important to us not to do it,” he added.

According to Schell, once villagers saw the banners installed on the light standards along main street, everyone stepped up to support it. The next year, organizers worked with the officials from the Elmvale legion to create the banners that have become the standard for the past four years.

According to Micheal Jacobs, president of Elmvale Royal Canadian Legion Branch 262, the images used on the banners are from the its collection of photos of the 175 local residents who enlisted to



fight in the First World War and Second World War. “Each year, we do 16 banners and each banner has two images, one on each side,” Jacobs said. “Including this year, we will have featured 160 of our members. “Next year, we’ll feature the remaining 15,” he added. Jacobs wasn’t sure what the plan was for the remaining 17 banners that will be needed to round out next year’s program. He said they may cycle through the ones that have already been used, or they may open the program to include more veterans.

Jay Schell is fine with either direction. He just wants to make sure Remembrance Day has a place in Elmvale.

“My grandfather was in World War One, in the Battle of Passchendaele, and I’ve been a member of the legion most of my life, as has my father,” he said. “There are a lot of veterans in the Elmvale area that should be recognized. They gave a lot.” “It’s about honour and respect,” said Sue. “We’ve been going to Remembrance Day services forever, the last 15 or 16 years here in Elmvale. “I think it should be a holiday so people take the time and show the proper respect,” she added.

Looking out the restaurant’s front window onto the village’s main street, the Schells watch people walk up and down the street with young children in tow. They stop, look up and point at the faces on the banners, the parents sharing what they know with the wide-eyed youngsters. “It really hits when a family comes and they point out grandpa to the little ones,” Jay said. “They’ll stop and talk about it and take photos. It’s beautiful to see. It keeps their memory alive.

Elmvale’s Remembrance Day service is [was] on Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m. at the Elmvale Cenotaph, near the public library.

SPRINGWATER VESPREA LIONS CLUB DUCK RACE BENEFITS ELMVALE & DISTRICT FOOD BANK

Nov. 6, 2024 By Ian Aston

The Springwater Vespra Lions Club held their 33rd Annual White Water Willy Duck Race in Midhurst on September 28th. Funds raised by the event exceeded expectations with a final total of \$7,000. Our club is honoured to be able to support the Elmvale & District Food Bank with the proceeds. The club would like to thank our many local business sponsors and special thanks to Currie Heavy Towing & Currie Truck Centre; GoldHill Roofing; and The Ice cream Hut each for sponsoring our \$500 First, Second and Third Place prizes. We would also like to thank to the Springwater community who continue to support this worthy cause.

Prize winners from the September 28th, 2024 race were:

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| 1st Duck # 1458 – Mark Gruening | 9th Duck #1570 – Steven Godfrey |
| 2nd Duck #1029 – Mark Tobin | 10th Duck #77 – Lara Knowles |
| 3rd Duck #390 – Lynn Harper | 11th Duck #220 – Barbara Mount |
| 4th Duck #8 – Jim Tyler | 12th Duck # 1190 – Marlene Ham |
| 5th Duck #1518 – Ev Caroline | 13th Duck #34 – Don Guest |
| 6th Duck #331 - Lynda Johnson | 14th Duck #1394 - Amanda McFadden |
| 7th Duck #979 – Deanna Kearley | 15th Duck #998 - Linda Jones |
| 8th Duck #1731 – Kim Seeger | Last Duck #367 – Jim Elliott |



PHOTO: November 1st, 2024 cheque presentation to the Elmvale & District Food Bank: Left to right are Lions Barb Webster, Ian Ashton & Ingolf Goetz, together with David Don, President and Mike Trace, Board Secretary from the Elmvale & District Food Bank.



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Nov. 13, 2024 - Elmvale Lions give to Shelter Now in the amount of \$3,000. They also collected several pairs of boots socks mitts and sleeping bags for their clients.



Bike Night Not Just for Fun

Submitted by Louise Robertson

Nov. 15, 2024 - Elmvale Bike Night had the honour of presenting to the Elmvale & District Food Bank, photo at top, and the Elmvale Legion, photo on bottom, with \$1812.50 each. We would like to thank each and everyone who came out and supported us this past summer. Because of your generosity we are able to help these two worthy organizations.



Nov. 14, 2024 Elmvale lions purchased a wheel chair lift for Adam of Elmvale, ON. Photo, LtoR: Lion Jim Elliot, Lion Eileen Elliot, Lion Murray Truax, Adam MacMillan-Mugford, Courtney MacMillan, and Nate MacMillan-Mugford.



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Recreation and Special Events

Tree Lighting Celebration

Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Perkinsfield Park, 43 County Road 6 South



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Date: Saturday, February 8, 2024
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Perkinsfield Park, 43 County Road 6 South

Publication of 2023 Audited Financial Statement

The Township of Tiny would like to advise township residents and taxpayers that as per the requirements of the Municipal Act section 295, the 2023 Audited Financial Statements are now available. Requests for copies can be made by contacting Haley Leblond, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO at hleblond@tiny.ca or alternatively the statements can be downloaded by visiting www.tiny.ca/financialstatements. Township residents and taxpayers may review the audited statements upon request, at no cost.



Penetang council pay hikes 'responsible from a fiduciary responsibility'

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov 14, 2024

Mayor Doug Rawson anticipated that some Penetanguishene residents would raise eyebrows to council voting themselves a pay raise. "I can appreciate this will hit some people with a certain degree of suspicion," said Rawson during last night's committee of the whole meeting, where a council legislated compensation review report recommended pay increases for the town's politicians.

According to the report, Mayor Rawson currently takes in roughly \$41,900 annually; Deputy Mayor Dan La Rose receives just under \$30,800; and five council members each get over \$23,700. As per the Municipal Act, the council remuneration bylaw states that a review should occur and be updated with each term of council, with an additional Penetanguishene bylaw stating it should be reviewed during the last 12 months of each term. However, the 2022 remuneration didn't happen resulting in council remuneration remaining at 2020 levels, and putting pay below the 55th percentile of 10 municipal comparators in proximity to the town, including those immediate to north Simcoe but extending as far as Gravenhurst and Meaford. "We've had some transition with staff," explained CAO Jeff Lees. "As we move forward, we've had some conversation about how we're going to mitigate the chance of that happening again, because we recognize that ideally this should have been brought prior to now."

To raise Penetanguishene to the 55th percentile of remuneration: the mayor would receive over \$46,800 for a near \$4,900 annual impact; the deputy mayor would raise to over \$32,200 for just under \$1,500 increase; and councillors would get roughly \$27,400

at an almost \$3,700 hike to their annual pay.

Options in the report included when the nearly \$12,400 increase to remuneration would come into effect, with council siding with the staff recommendation of July 1, 2024. Funding would be through a 2024 budget allocation, the working fund reserve, and/or the year-end surplus as required. Rawson also noted that Simcoe County councillors had voted to give themselves a raise to the 60th percentile for a county comparator group in October, which was reflected in the Penetanguishene report as town staff looked into council remuneration also in October.

Coun. Suzanne Marchand, chair of the finance and corporate services section, stated that good discussion was held at the section meeting. "The recommendation that's being proposed is one that's responsible from a fiduciary responsibility and perspective."

Coun. George Vadeboncoeur praised the report's clarity. "I think transparency's important, and I think that report lays it all out if people take the opportunity to read it."

The matter will be brought to an upcoming regular meeting of council for possible discussion and/or ratification.

The council legislated compensation review report can be located on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website.

Meetings of Penetanguishene council are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be watched live on Rogers TV cable 53 when available, or on the Rogers TV website.

Archives of council meetings are located on the Town of Penetanguishene YouTube channel.

Midland prepares to 'bait the hook' on Midland Bay Landing

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov 13, 2024

Councillors Catherine MacDonald and Bill Meridis were quite interested in when the selection process could begin for Midland Bay Landing development, with Mayor Bill Gordon joining their enthusiasm.

A report to council at the recent committee of the whole meeting stated that consultants KPMG LLP would be selected for a cost of \$197,750 including HST as phase one of a two-phase effort to create a larger request for proposal for the 40-acre waterfront property.

Questions raised to staff by MacDonald and Meridis attempted to pry when the final date a developer could be chosen by KPMG, and if there were any penalties should a developer not be selected.

Steve Farquharson, the town's community and growth executive director, attempted to temper expectations by reiterating that with phase one complete, a goal of early 2026 would be set. "It's a target for us to get to," said Farquharson, "but there is no penalty if we're not able to get it. The plan is to get a developer on board before this council goes into lame duck for elections. That way we're moving the project forward even when the new council comes on board." Farquharson further added: "There's lots of opportunity to make sure we get input from everybody, to make sure that when we do form that phase two of this RFP to attract a developer, we do it right."

"We make sure we get everybody's input, and then we frame it a certain way so that we can attract as many developers and potential to develop this, as Coun. MacDonald said, 'very important piece of property on our waterfront,'" added Farquharson.

Meridis backpedalled on his enthusiasm, saying, "I'm not trying to rush anything; we need to get this right." Mayor Bill Gordon was the most enthusiastic about the project, stating his happiness several times. "I feel like we're about nine months behind what my plan was for timelines and quite frankly that's because we lost two of our council members (deceased Jim Downer and Jack Contin) which was a setback, not only because we lost (them)... but then we needed to go through the process of filling those seats," said Gordon. "And it's hard to just keep all the plates spinning, or the chainsaws as it were, while also doing that."

He added, "Midland Bay Landing, being so critical, wasn't one of the things we wanted to take a risk with. That's why it's a little bit more delayed; the timeline now is pretty impressive because we have about a year and a half left until we go 'rubber chicken' and can't make any decisions."

Gordon reiterated that public engagement would be the biggest component in the process, and reminded council of a \$5 million pledge if the east side of the project were kept "parkified."

Caution was made that if council were to tinker with the process that the deal could fail, to which Gordon made reference to a recently withdrawn development of the Wasaga Beach boardwalk. He also took time to chide the former Midland Bay Landing Development Corporation for several reasons, including transparency issues and perceived lack of public engagement.

On the selection of KPMG, Gordon noted: "Hopefully when we bait the hook and put it out for RFP... we get a school of fish that are interested in our amazing, one-of-a-kind waterfront, 40-acre development."

Notice of Public Consultation

a Licence Transfer 19 homes and the issuance of two new licences from an existing licensee to a new licensee

The Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) is reviewing a licence transfer request for 19 long-term care homes currently operated by Revera Long Term Care Inc. and affiliated licensees as well as the issuance of two new long-term care licences to a newly formed limited partnership, CVH (NO. 11) LP by its general partner, Southbridge Care Homes (a limited partnership, by its general partner, Southbridge Health Care GP Inc.) (the "Proposed Licensee").

The impacted homes include:

- Oak Terrace, a 94-bed long term care home located at 291 Mississauga Street West in Orillia, Ontario; and
- Sara Vista, a 60-bed long term care home located at 27 Simcoe Street in Elmvale, Ontario.

The request involves the transfer of the licence of the Home from the Current Licensee to a newly formed limited partnership, CVH (NO. 11) LP by its general partner, Southbridge Care Homes (a limited partnership, by its general partner, Southbridge Health Care GP Inc.) (the "Proposed Licensee").

The Proposed Licensee is a new for-profit entity; however, it is a subsidiary of Southbridge Care Homes, an existing LTC home operator.

The proposal is subject to meeting all licensing requirements under the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*.

If you have comments or opinions and would like to bring them to the attention of the MLTC, you may:

Present them orally at a Zoom public meeting, to be held on December 6, 2024 at 2:00-3:00 pm. There are two options to join this public meeting:

1. By Videoconference: Join online via the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83664001274>
2. By Phone: Dial-in to the public meeting using the following Zoom dial-in information +1 647-374-4685 or +1 647-558-0588. When prompted, please key in the participant passcode 836 6400 1274#. Please key in any digit if prompted to provide a participant ID.

Submit them in writing on or before **December 21, 2024** by:

- a) sending an email at LTCHomes.Licensing@hillandknowlton.com; or
- b) sending by mail to:
Long-Term Care Licence Consultations
c/o Hill & Knowlton
50 O'Connor Street, Suite 1115
Ottawa, ON K1P 6L2

The complete list of impacted homes as well as details regarding the consultation and meeting will be posted on the Long-Term Care Consultation Registry located at ontario.ca/page/ontarios-long-term-care-licensing-public-consultation-registry on **November 22, 2024**. You may also email LTCHomes.Licensing@hillandknowlton.com to receive more details on the meeting.

Please include the name of the LTC Home and quote **Project #24-060** on all written submissions. As part of the MLTC's review, the Director will consider all written and oral submissions before making a final decision relating to the proposal.

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So to account for my oversight, each day we open the gate to let one calf graze around the yard, in the garden, on the driveway, in the chicken coop, etc. Doesn't the nursery rhyme say, "Leave them alone and they will come home wagging their tails behind them"? Actually, that was referring to Little Bo Peep's sheep. Miss Peep didn't have any cows. If she did the rhyme might say, "Leave them alone and they will leave home. A mile down the road you may find them".

We learned that if you let one calf out, he won't stray too far. He stays within eyesight or moo-sound of his companion who is still grazing within the fenced pasture. The boys feed them buckets of milk and some grain each night and when the calves hear the boys call they certainly come running home wagging their tails behind them.

I figured now that the calves knew where home was I could probably let them both out to graze around the yard. I let them out Saturday morning and watched them for a few minutes. They happily performed the duties of my lawn mower shortening the grass quite nicely. I wandered away to work on some other things. When I came back I was unable to locate any calves. I walked all around the yard, through the trees, in the barns, in the pig pen, in the chicken coop. No calves.

I wasn't overly concerned since we live in the prairies. They could run a few miles and I'd still be able to see them. And I did, eventually. About a half mile down the road I spotted one black speck and one white speck. My two beloved calves happily grazing just off the shoulder of the road. It wasn't easy to corral them back home especially when a truck drove by and we learned that calves are afraid of trucks and run away from them. Eventually, with some of the kids help we were able to get them back home where they will be able to escape again another day. Are you learning anything new these days with your kids, dad? Why not try something new with your kids, like cow-chasing, and see what you learn? Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the animal-chasing ones.

Jason Weening pursues farm animals with his 10 kids and one wife. Check out his adventure book for kids, *Danger in the Jungle*, at HEYDADS.CA. Nov. 18, 2024


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- 50 Boat for a flood?

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Notice of Passing of a By-Law to Amend Municipal Wide Development Charges By-law No. 2023-070

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater passed By-law No. 2024-087, being a by-law to amend municipal wide Development Charges By-law No. 2023-070 on the 6th day of November, 2024 under section 2(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O 1997 c. 27, as amended;

And take notice that the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23) introduced the removal of growth-related studies as eligible capital costs. The Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185) received Royal Assent on June 6, 2024 and allows for growth-related studies as eligible capital costs. The purpose of the amending by-law is to add growth-related studies as eligible capital costs in the Township’s Development Charges By-law No. 2023-070.

The schedule of municipal development charges imposed by By-Law No. 2023-070, as amended, effective November 6, 2024 are as follows:

Services	Residential					Non-Residential	
	Single and Semi-Detached Dwelling	Other Multiples	Apartments - 2 Bedrooms +	Apartments - Bachelor & 1 Bedroom	Special Care / Special Dwelling Units	Per sq. ft. of Gross Floor Area	Per sq. m. of Gross Floor Area
Municipal Wide Services:							
Services Related to a Highway	8,112	5,872	4,517	2,944	2,694	3.66	39.36
Fire Protection Services	2,149	1,555	1,196	780	714	0.96	10.33
Parks and Recreation Services	10,743	7,775	5,981	3,899	3,568	1.69	18.24
Library Services	1,582	1,145	881	575	525	0.25	2.64
Growth Studies	417	302	232	151	139	0.19	2.06
Total Township Wide Services / Class of Service	23,003	16,649	12,807	8,349	7,640	6.75	72.63
Urban Services Elmvale:							
Water Services	1,327	961	739	482	440	0.64	6.89
Wastewater Services	12,925	9,345	7,169	4,690	4,293	6.18	66.55
Total Urban Services Elmvale	14,252	10,315	7,935	5,172	4,733	6.82	73.44
Total Elmvale	37,255	26,964	20,742	13,521	12,373	13.57	146.07

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at the Township Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Rd, Minesing during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) excluding statutory holidays. A copy of the by-law can also be found on the Township website: www.springwater.ca/developmentcharges

Dated at the Township of Springwater on November 14, 2024.

Jennifer Marshall, AMP, Clerk, Township of Springwater
2231 Nursery Road Minesing, ON L9X 1A8
Phone: 705-728-4784 x 2015 | Fax: 705-728-2759 | e-mail: clerks@springwater.ca

County provides 20 new safe, affordable homes for vulnerable seniors in Barrie

Prioritizes long-term permanent accommodation for unhoused seniors

Submitted by County of Simcoe

Midhurst/November 14, 2024 – The County of Simcoe has partnered with a local retirement residence in Barrie to provide safe, affordable accommodations in a domiciliary care environment for seniors (aged 55+) who have been living chronically unhoused. The County is expanding its current domiciliary care partnership with the residence, covering the costs of shelter and personal needs for low-income individuals who cannot live on their own, but do not qualify for long-term care. This new program is another additional service being added to broad system of services and is a major step towards ending chronic homelessness for seniors living in shelters in the County of Simcoe.
“By funding twenty more domiciliary care spaces

in this seniors’ residence, we are taking twenty people out of shelters or encampments, and giving them a permanent place to call home,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “These twenty new spaces will create a domino effect in our shelter system, freeing up shelter beds and encouraging more people to come inside during the coldest months of the year.”
These spaces are prioritized for homeless individuals in the Barrie area, aged 55 or older, and who require assistance with activities of daily living and who are not able to live independently. Supports provided for these individuals will include: three nutritious meals and two snacks per day, provision of personal laundry services, an adequate supply of towels and bed linens, medication management and supervision, access

to telephone services, on-site 24/7 staffing, and the provision of social and recreational activities. This is just one more investment in unhoused individuals across the region through the County’s 10-point homelessness prevention strategy, which provides significant investments and resources to help unhoused individuals across the region.
The strategy makes affordable housing even more attainable by increasing supply, creating “deep rent subsidies”, increasing eviction prevention services, and improving available shelter. It commits the County to find new opportunities, enhance community shelter services, and improve safety throughout the community.
Those in need of shelter or warmth can always call 2-1-1 to connect with a nearby shelter.

Springwater councillor slams proposed budget as 'completely out of touch'

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Nov 07, 2024
Springwater Township council's reaction Wednesday night to the proposed 2025 budget was swift and expected.

There was no way council would support a proposed increase of 14.16 per cent to the municipal levy, which, when combined with the proposed four per cent increase from the County of Simcoe, would result in a blended tax bill increase of 8.31 per cent, or an annual increase of \$367.21 for a typical single-family detached dwelling with an assessed value of \$497,000. "I have received no less than 25 email messages and phone calls about the budget," Coun. Anita Moore said when the topic came up for discussion. "Residents are really concerned. "I think it's a large pill for us to swallow," she added. Moore recommended staff take it back and bring back something more palatable.

And she wasn't alone.

Coun. Danielle Alexander had issues with the proposed budget that were further exasperated when she included the proposed program changes that have been suggested. When those changes are added, she sees an increase closer to 20 per cent. (Program changes, largely comprised of staff increases, are recommendations that may or may not be approved.) "With program changes, I'm looking at just under a 20 per cent increase," she said. "That's just completely out of touch with

the economic climate of the country, the province and this township. "I truly hope when we dive into this binder, staff are willing to prioritize what they really need," Alexander added.

That's already been done, according to Jeff Schmidt, the township's chief administrative officer. He told council that the township's senior management was well aware of what was being presented and they'd had numerous meetings and conversations before presenting it. "We are here to present to you our best professional advice," Schmidt said. "You just received your budget binders here today and haven't had the opportunity to really dig in. "I would respectfully ask that you give us the opportunity to engage in more discussions with you next week, one-on-ones, as well as through our deliberation meetings later this month so we can really unpack what's being presented to members of council so that we can hopefully better inform you as to what are some of the pressures and challenges the municipality is facing," he added. "In my opinion, it would be premature for council not to allow us to continue to have the conversation," Schmidt said.

He told council the pressures the township is facing are not going to go away. "The number hopefully is not going to be the number that you're seeing tonight," Schmidt said. "We need to educate you on why the number is what the number is. There's a lot there."

Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin said

nobody wants to see an increase like the one staff proposed, but she wasn't totally surprised, either. She said the township has been putting off increases for too long and it's finally catching up with them. "Kicking (a tax increase) down the road is what got us here," Coughlin said, noting staff have, over the past few years, recommended tax increases, but council has cut it back to two, one or zero per cent every year. "That's what's led us to 14 this year," she added. "I will not make this my children's problem."

The numbers bear out Coughlin's view. Since 2017, Springwater residents have experienced an annual average blended tax increase of just 1.67 per cent. The single largest increase was in 2023 when the blended tax increase was 3.92 per cent.

In an amendment to the main motion, Deputy Mayor George Cabral suggested staff take the proposal back and return to council with three additional drafts: one with a 12 per cent increase to the municipal levy; one with a 10 per cent increase to the municipal levy; and one with an eight per cent increase to the municipal levy. Additionally, he requested staff prioritize the program changes.

In a recorded vote, council passed Cabral's amendment and the main motion.

Coughlin, Cabral, Garwood, Alexander and Thompson voted in favour, while Moore and Fisher voted against the motion.

Township hopes renovated Grenfel hall becomes beehive of activity

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Nov 01, 2024

It's not often that you get to use the word "charming" to describe a municipally owned facility, but it's the only word that accurately describes the recently revitalized Grenfel Community Hall in Springwater Township. Sporting a welcoming colour palette and soft, diffused lighting courtesy of a series of wall sconces, the interior of the hall, located west of Barrie, looks more like a living room than a meeting space. The small kitchen at the back of the hall reinforces the residential vibe. The kitchen's third sink, however, gives the hall a unique commercial advantage - it complies with health regulations for a separate sink for hand-washing — in addition to dish washing and dish rinsing sinks — making the hall a top pick for anybody who's looking to host an event that is as focused on food as much as it is on entertainment and fun. "It's cute, isn't it?" Springwater Township Ward 4 Coun. Anita Moore said as she took a

group of visitors on a tour of the facility, located at 1989 Sunnidale Rd., on Wednesday night. "We've got new electrical, new lighting, new windows, a new paved driveway and a new kitchen. "If you didn't see it before, trust me, this looks fantastic," she added.

The hall, which was built in 1953, was shuttered about seven months ago. It's been back on the township's facilities inventory for a few weeks after the municipality spent about \$125,000 renovating and updating the building.

In August 2022, staff estimated the cost of improvements to the hall would be about \$75,000. In November 2023, the project received an additional \$49,500 from the recreation facility reserve due to escalating construction and renovation costs. "I think it's a big success," Dean Collver, Springwater's director of recreation, parks and facilities, said near the end of the tour. "We want to bring some life back into these buildings."

According to Moore, the hall used to be a beehive

of activity, hosting everything from birthday parties and baby showers to weddings and family reunions. Over the years, she said, numerous community groups, including the Girl Guides, woodcarvers and euchre clubs, held weekly get-togethers. She's hoping the recent sprucing up will lead folks back to the hall's front doors. "We've got 50 acres here," Moore said. "In addition to the hall, we've got two baseball diamonds, a playground, a covered outdoor skating rink and tons of parking. "And it's cheap, real cheap."

According to the township's facilities fees, Grenfel Community Hall, which has an occupancy limit of 60 people, rents for \$200 per day for a booking on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday. It also costs \$200 per day if you require a licence to sell alcohol, regardless of the day of the week.

A full-day hall rental, Monday to Thursday, without a licence to sell alcohol, is priced at \$150. The hourly hall rental rate is \$30, Monday to Thursday. A security deposit of \$150 is required for some bookings.

Springwater's other community halls — in Anten Mills, Elmvale, Hillsdale, Midhurst and Minesing — have all had building condition assessments done, allowing the township the opportunity to pick and choose projects that can be managed and accomplished without breaking the bank.

The township is currently looking at support for the Anten Mills Community Centre, which requires a new floor, new drop ceiling and a variety of other upgrades.



Photo: Dean Collver, director of recreation, parks and facilities for Springwater Township, stands in the newly renovated main space at the Grenfel Community Hall.
 Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE
NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town of Penetanguishene has received a Zoning By-law Amendment application (File No. Z.A. 12/2024) to the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2022-17, as amended, and deemed the application "Complete" under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 on the 14th day of November 2024.

Application No.: Zoning By-law Amendment Z.A. 12/2024
Owner: Ralph Befort
Applicant: Ralph Befort
Location: 1376 Sandy Bay Road

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to rezone a portion of the subject property from the Rural (RU) zone to the Rural Residential (RR) zone. The Zoning By-law Amendment application is submitted concurrently with Consent application B6/2024 to sever a parcel of land from 1376 Sandy Bay Road having an approximate lot area of 1,559 square metres. The severed land is intended to be added to 212 Gilwood Park Drive to provide additional space in the rear yard. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to establish a consistent zoning on 212 Gilwood Park Drive following the lot addition.

PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Council of the Town of Penetanguishene will hold a Public Meeting on December 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be dealt with in the Council Chambers Townhall, 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene to consider the application.

HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

All comments will be considered up until the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene makes a decision regarding the application. Written comments may be submitted by email to planning@penetanguishene.ca or in writing to the Town of Penetanguishene Planning and Community Development Department, 10 Robert Street West, P.O. Box 5009, Penetanguishene, ON L9M 2G2. If you are submitting letters, faxes, emails, presentations, or other communications with the Town concerning this application, you should be aware that your name and the fact you communicated with the Town will become part of the public record. The Town will also make your communication and any personal information in it available to the public, unless you expressly request the Town to remove it.

APPEAL

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Penetanguishene before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Town of Penetanguishene before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information regarding this matter can be obtained by visiting the Town of Penetanguishene Townhall at 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene, by email planning@penetanguishene.ca or by telephone at 705-549-7453. The complete application materials are available for inspection by visiting the Town of Penetanguishene Townhall or online at connectpenetanguishene.ca/development.

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It is requested that this notice be posted in a location visible to all residents if there are seven (7) or more residential units at this location.

Dated at the Town of Penetanguishene this 21st day of November 2024.

Kelly Cole,
Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk

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MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

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Application No.: Zoning By-law Amendment Z.A. 13/2024
Owner: Kathryn Puddicombe
Applicant: Dave Brown
Location: 1457 Tay Point Road

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to rezone a portion of the subject property from the Rural (RU) zone to the Environmental Protection (EP) zone. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to expand the EP zone to recognize the natural heritage features identified through an Environmental Impact Study. Approval of this Zoning By-law Amendment application is a condition of provisional Consent granted by the Town's Committee of Adjustment to create four (4) new residential lots (File No. B7/2023).

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Community News From Wyevale

Submitted by Karen Moreau, Nov. 17, 2024

Youth Group: Youth group will meet Friday, November 22nd from 7-9. Students from Grade 2 -8 are welcome. A donation of a \$2 to cover snack costs would be welcomed. Contact Pat 705-543-9043 for more information.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 2pm in the church basement. We will be studying the book of Proverbs.

Christmas Wreath: Thank you to everyone

who purchased a Christmas Wreath. They all have been sold. Another success in support for our church.

Service for the next to Sunday's November 24th will be conducted by Rev. Kathleen Greidanus. Please join us for worship at 10:0 a.m. All are welcome

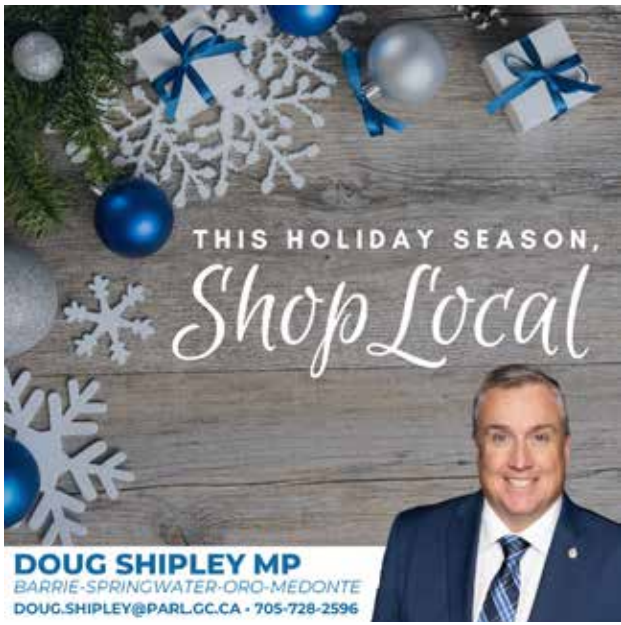
Wyevale Santa Clause Parade: Nov. 30th Starting at 7:00 p.m. from the Wyevale Firehall and making its way through the village.

On behalf of Sharewear and the Elmvale Community Church, we would like to thank the people of Elmvale and surrounding area for another successful Winter Wear Giveaway. Two hundred people came through our doors this past Saturday and left with coats, snow pants, hats, mitts and boots for another Canadian winter.

Without your generous donations, Sharewear would not be able to do what we do. Thank You!!!

Did you miss our winter giveaway? Come visit us at Sharewear, 9 Queen St. E. We have clothing for the entire family. Everyone is welcome AND it's free! Come take a look for yourself and tell a friend.

By Liz Ross, Ministry Lead - Sharewear



Nov. 15, 2024 - The holidays will be here before we know it. Now is the time to start making plans, writing lists, and decorating for the big day. There's no time like the present to get started on your holiday planning.

While you are making your lists and checking them twice, I encourage you to find opportunities to purchase goods from some of the many local shops in the region. Whether it is finding the perfect present at a gift shop downtown or ordering dessert for your Christmas dinner from a local bakery, your purchase at a local business goes a long way.

The holiday season can be a challenging time for some families. If you are fortunate enough to be able to make a charitable contribution this year, please consider doing so. Your contribution will help and be truly appreciated. If you can help, the Elmvale and District Food Bank is accepting donations and have several drop off points. You can learn about what they need this season by calling them at 705-322-9096, sending an email to elmvalfoodbankinfo@gmail.com, or checking their website - [https://](https://elmvaldistrictfoodbank.net)

elmvaldistrictfoodbank.net. If you need help, the Elmvale Foodbank is also accepting applications for Christmas hampers until November 21. Please be sure to get applications in fast.

Another local group providing toys and food is Christmas Cheer Barrie and District. It supports people who need a little extra help at Christmas time and applications for Barrie, Innisfil, Angus, Oro-Medonte, and Springwater are now open online at christmascheerbarrie.com. They also offer application assistance; for more information you can call 705-730-0449 or you can check their website - <https://christmascheerbarrie.com>.

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

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

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Blue Flag status a washout for 'dynamic' Tiny beaches

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov 06, 2024

There is no doubt that the beaches of Tiny Township are a major attraction for North Simcoe, but a consideration that they receive a Blue Flag designation was deemed too difficult at a recent council meeting.

However, council did choose to have the parks and recreation advisory committee (PRAC) take a look at some of the 33 criterion within the global initiative to see what could be drawn as per best practices, as well as having an accessibility advisory committee (AAC) member sit in for those talks.

In 1985, Blue Flag started in France and later expanded globally. Currently the Foundation for Environmental Education runs the operation aimed at beaches, marinas and tourism boats. A Blue Flag designation would promote high standards in water quality, environmental management, environmental education, and safety.

At the recent committee of the whole meeting, a request from the AAC aimed to pass along the Blue Flag consideration to the PRAC, as Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins explained why it would be better dealt with there. "There's many criteria that we would just never be able to make... things like our dynamic beach; water comes up, water goes down," said Miskimins. "Very hard for us to meet those criteria."

Tiny Township is host to roughly 70 kilometres of shoreline along Georgian Bay, and Miskimins added that the geographic nature of the township would also not meet some criteria. Public works director Tim Leitch added active transit as another reason for unmet criteria. "(A Blue Flag designation is) something that's reviewed on an annual basis," said Leitch, "so it's not something that you get it once and then you fly the flag forever; you have to be audited - it goes everything from water quality to washroom cleanliness. "From an accessibility standpoint, it says 'at least one Blue Flag beach in each municipality must have access and facilities provided for the physically disabled';

that's a fairly broad statement," Leitch added.

Deferring to recently hired recreation and special events director Josh Pallas, the former Wasaga Beach employee stated the town had dropped their Blue Flag designation in recent years.

"There are a lot of environmental considerations that go into receiving a Blue Flag designation, and I'm not sure if the recognition from a tourism perspective is quite there to make these criteria really relevant as far as staff time and committee time," said Pallas.

According to tourism marketing organization Destination Ontario, over half of Canada's designations for Blue Flag beaches were located in Ontario this year with eight in the Greater Toronto Area, three in Northern Ontario, and four in Southwestern Ontario.

The accessibility advisory committee resolution regarding Blue Flag beach criteria 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.

ANTEN MILLS

By Dennis Gannon, Nov. 17, 2024

“Oh the Weather Outside is Frightful!” What! Wait! Where? Not that we are complaining but our weather is certainly anything but frightful, in fact it’s downright reasonable. The opening line is from that old familiar Christmas song, “Let it Snow”, and anytime now it might just snow. Looking at the long range weather forecast it may be in early December before we get any accumulation of the white stuff but that’s definitely not stopping families from starting to decorate for the holiday season. Nightly walks throughout the neighbourhood are seeing more Christmas lights shining and the Christmas trees in the windows. It is certainly an anticipated time of the year.

All those preparations also mean that it’s a magical time in the community as we prepare for the annual Anten Mills Christmas in the Village. In 2015 the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association held the very first Christmas Tree Lighting. It started out small with about 500 lights on the tree and some music and hot chocolate. It has grown to be the second best way to start the full swing of Christmas activities in the community. This year the CRA will kick it off with the Tree Lighting on Saturday December 7 at 5PM. Thanks to Snow Valley Ski Resort, they will have their SnoTube slide entertaining the kids starting at 5PM. Around 6:30, with the grateful assistance of the Springwater Fire Department, Santa Claus will arrive. This will be a perfect opportunity to get those last minute photos with the jolly elf along with a firefighter. Firefighters will also be showing off their equipment for those interested. Then as the clock strikes 7, the countdown to the lighting of the tree and the ground displays will start. Once the tree is lit up in its beauty, the sky will light up with fireworks. Throughout the evening hot dogs, hot refreshments and treats will be available. Thanks to the generosity of several sponsors and the CRA there is no monetary cost to join in the fun but everyone coming is asked to bring a generous donation for the Elmvale and District Food Bank.

On Sunday, December 8 the fun continues as the 27th annual Anten Mills Santa Claus parade will wind its way through the streets. Starting at 1PM the parade will begin at the intersection of Laddies Lane and Pinery and travel the route ending this year along the new section of Ghibb Street. The traffic along Horseshoe has increased greatly over the years and the number of parade participants has grown and after careful consideration it was determined that ending along Ghibb would be safer for all. Hot chocolate and treats will be available after the parade and of course the ever popular awards will take place. The parade is shaping up well with a number of confirmed entries already and there is always room for more. As well this year, firefighters will be accepting food bank donations along the parade route. If you would like to enter the parade or need more information you can send an email to antenmillschristmas@gmail.com or check the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page for updates.

In the news of late it has been reported that the food banks are dealing with greater than normal demands and lower than usual stock. With the CPKC Christmas Train not stopping this year in Midhurst, the Elmvale and District Food Bank really needs everyone’s help. Our Anten Mills community is very fortunate that we can assist. Several residents have stepped up and with the CRA are going to do what they can to ensure the shelves are replenished. Starting this weekend and every weekend until December 15, there will be 3 locations where you can drop off your donations in food bank bins. The locations are 7 Ghibb, 8 Luella and 2 Alexander. The Christmas in the Village events are also opportunities where you can give and you are asked to be generous with your donations.

The CRA general meeting was held last week and discussed the events held to date this past year. With the support of the volunteers who make these activities successful it was confirmed that the Easter Eggstravaganza, the Autumn Craft Show, the Witches Walk and Halloween Party as well as the Christmas in the Village



will all occur again next year. More details will be announced as the dates get closer. A new one time event is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 and that will be Celebrating 150 Years of Anten Mills. A working group has been busy discussing the way to make the day special and announcements will be made in the future. Along with the day, articles will be published here in this publication throughout the year that everyone should find interesting. Stay tuned for updates.

Should you be looking for a live Christmas tree then consider supporting the South Springwater Fire Fighters Association annual tree sale. For over 30 years the firefighters have made available top quality trees. The proceeds from the sale go to support the charities that these volunteers support. The sale begins on Saturday, November 30 at 1027 Bayfield St.N. Midhurst, the home of the Ice Cream Hut and Linda’s. Weekend sales are from 9AM to 6PM and weeknights from 5 to 8PM. Supplies will be limited this year and you are encouraged to pick yours up early.

That’s it for this week. Plan on joining in the fun for Christmas in the Village and as always more entries are welcome for the parade. Just send an email and details will be made available. THANKS for READING, STAY SAFE and BE WELL!

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Dollartown gets its due with signs recognizing historic Midland district

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov 08, 2024

Once upon a time, Dollartown existed. Then it became part of Midland, but its story continues.

At the recent committee of the whole meeting, approval was given to purchase 77 historic Dollartown street signs as part of a heritage committee recommendation in the works since 2015. Mill houses were constructed just outside Midland's 1875 boundaries by the industry-driven Dollar brothers John and Robert, with the border between the two towns at Russell Street. Dollartown's boundaries extended to Midland Bay Landing, but kept along Gloucester Street at the north and Yonge Street to the south, with its eastern edge extended out into Georgian Bay; annexation in 1904 absorbed Dollartown.

While the heritage committee initiated recognition of that area years ago, various reasons kept the street sign project dormant until efforts resumed, and a resolution for five boundary location signs was presented in June; 77 interior signs for each intersection were also suggested as per a staff recommendation. The cost of the project for 77 signs was estimated at roughly \$7,300, with \$4,500 in funds reallocated from the heritage committee's 2024 budget, and just over \$2,800 funded from heritage reserves. With an example of the signs put on display for council and audience members, heritage committee chair René Hackstetter was asked to explain the justification for Dollartown's prominence. "In Toronto, back in the

late 1960s, they did historic Cabbagetown, which was the eastern part of Toronto around Parliament Street," said Hackstetter. "Their heritage committee had the same thing, done signs like that, and it had tremendous traction. It garnered a lot of questions. This will obviously garner questions: what's this all about?"

"We hope that this will stimulate a number of things: one of them is of course town pride or pride of an area. This is not a defined heritage district; it's actually just a recognition of an historic district that has always been there."

Members of council praised the appearance of the sign and supported Hackstetter's suggestion on locations where a placard with town-linked QR code could be stationed for further information on the Dollartown designation.

From the committee of the whole, approval was given to the sign project with an estimated installation date over the spring and summer season of 2025.

The heritage street signage report for Dollartown, including historic background information and street sign locations, is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

Council meetings are held every third Wednesday, and can be viewed on Rogers TV cable channel 53 when available, or through the livestream on the Rogers TV website. Archives of council meetings are available through Rogers TV and on the Town of Midland's YouTube channel.



Planning services manager Tomasz Wierzba displayed examples of new Dollartown street signs at the recent committee of the whole meeting, which were approved for installation in Midland's north end in 2025.

Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

All the best for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Message from Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North

Nov. 16, 2024 - As we approach December and the festive season, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to everyone in Simcoe North. Christmas and New Year are a time for reflection, gratitude, and spending time with those we care about, and I hope this holiday season brings you all the joy, peace, and connection you deserve.

It is a true honour to represent such a vibrant and close-knit community. Serving as your Member of Provincial Parliament gives me a deep sense of pride, and I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work on your behalf to make Simcoe North an even better place to live, work, and raise families. From our beautiful natural landscapes to the hardworking people who call this area home, there is so much to celebrate here in our corner of Ontario.

This year, we've made significant progress at Queen's Park to improve the lives of Ontarians. I'm proud to share that our government is taking strong action to address the growing problem of auto theft and careless driving. Ontario is cracking down on these crimes, working to protect our communities and keep our roads safer for everyone. Our commitment to public safety is unwavering, and we are putting in place the necessary tools to combat these issues.

We are also expanding our support for veterans who have served our country. We're honouring their service and sacrifice by making regulatory changes and introducing legislative amendments through the Honouring Veterans Act, 2024 that would, if passed, expand awareness of the Soldiers' Aid Commission and enhance the financial supports available to veterans.

Additionally, I'm excited to announce that Ontario is establishing a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Carleton University. This program will be the first new, university-based nursing program in Ontario in 20 years, graduating over 200 new nurses each year, helping to maintain and expand the province's nursing workforce. As we invest \$50 billion in more than 50 new and upgraded hospital projects across the province, we're also investing in the health care workforce families are counting on.

As we move into the new year, let's continue to support one another and celebrate the strength of our community.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year. By office of Jill Dunlop, MPP

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Residential Fire in Springwater

Township of Springwater / November 12, 2024 - Just before 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, Springwater Fire & Emergency Services received reports of a structure fire on Flos Road 4 West.

Two stations and two additional tankers responded. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a fully involved garage fire which was rapidly spreading to the residence. Crews were met at the road by one

individual who was transported to Royal Victoria Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation.

Additionally, two dogs were rescued from the residence. During the rescue one firefighter and one Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer received minor injuries and were treated on scene by Simcoe County Paramedics.

“Crews arrived and made an aggressive attack which helped aid in the rescue of the dogs,” says Deputy

Fire Chief Jeff French. “Thank you to our partners from the OPP and Simcoe County Paramedics for their assistance on scene.”

As a result of the injuries, the Ontario Fire Marshal’s Office has been contacted. There were working smoke alarms in the residence. The cause of the fire is under investigation, however is not considered suspicious. Damage is estimated at \$400,000.



DEFEND AGAINST “PORCH PIRATES” THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by OPP, Nov. 19, 2024

(ORILLIA, ON) - The Central Region of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has some helpful tips to keep porch pirates at bay this festive season. With the busy shopping season here, parcels will be arriving fast and furious to front porches everywhere. Criminals know this as well. Often referred to as "porch pirates," these thieves steal packages when no one is at home to accept the parcel. Follow these tips to stay safe from porch

- pirates:
- Request a signature on delivery
 - Ship the package to a trusted neighbour or relative who will be home
 - Have the packages delivered to your work, if allowed by the employer
 - Track your deliveries online so you know when they're slated to arrive and plan to be home upon delivery
 - Opt for in-store or curb-side pickup wherever

- possible
- Install video cameras and post signage to indicate surveillance is in effect
 - Request the package be left out of sight at a rear or side door
- If packages are stolen from your home, report the incident to your local police and the shipping company. If you see suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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Inter-Library Loan Service On Hold

With the Canada Post Strike currently in effect, all inter-library loan service is on hold at this time. We invite you to try using our extensive online database of ebooks and audiobooks available at cloudLibrary and hopefully we can reinstate this service again soon. Thank you for your patience.

Salt Dough Craft

Using pre-made salt dough create your own dinosaur sculpture! Starting Thursday November 21 and available while supplies last at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free.

Thursday Murder Club at the Library

Inspired by Richard Osman's mystery book, join us for a two part afternoon series solving a fictitious cold case. Thursday November 21 and Thursday November 28, 2pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Make a Gift Day

Using Canva and our sublimation printer you can make: two magnets \$4.00, one ornament \$2, a neck gaiter \$5, one mug \$5. Saturday November 23 at Elmvale Branch or Saturday November 30 at Midhurst Branch. Registration required for your one hour time slot between 10:30am-3:30pm.

Write On Writers Group

Are you an amateur writer looking for some space to write and a spot to bounce ideas off other writers? Springwater Library is now offering a FREE drop-in workspace for writers on the last Saturday of the month at Midhurst Branch, 1pm-3pm. Cost: Free.

No registration required for this drop-in program. Saturday November 30.

Temporary Closure for Painting

The Elmvale branch will be getting a fresh set of paint on the walls and as a result, this branch will be closed the first week of December (Monday December 2 to Saturday December 7). We will reopen our doors on Monday December 9. During our closure programs such as Storytime and EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn will run in the McGuire room downstairs but circulation of library items will not be available. Returns of books, DVDs etc. are welcome that week via our return box outside the front door of the building.

Take and Make Craft

Every month the library will have a new FREE craft kit for you to take home and make! Each month be sure to stop by early as these kits are only available while supplies last. Thursday December 5: Sock Snowman kit.

Holiday Music

Join us for live holiday music, card making and hot chocolate! Tuesday December 10, 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free for all ages. This is a drop-in program with no registration required.

Tween/Teen DIY Water Bottle Decal

Have an old water bottle? Spruce it up at the library using our Cricut machine. Create your own personalized decal! Participants, please bring your own water bottle to decorate. Thursday December 12, 4pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

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Bearbells

by Leslie Noonan



November 15/24

After the muddy mess of my last adventure, I felt like a more established trail would be good for both my leg and my clothes. I have occasionally seen articles about Fort Willow and decided to add a little history lesson to my days outing. The area around Fort Willow was long used by First Nations as a trade route, as well as by fur traders and the French. The fort itself was established in 1812 as a critical supply depot, and there are wonderful stories about the soldiers who lived here found on the website along with videos of reenactments. Worth looking into if you enjoy knowing about local history.

I explored the site at my leisure, as I was the sole visitor, unless the area was home to more spectral beings that I did not see. At the west end of the site are two rustic wooden flights of stairs that lead down to a gravel multi-use trail covered in brown leaves.

There is no wind to move the bare branches stretching above the trail, and the only sound is the chitter of two red squirrels chasing each other along a moss-covered log. I set a gentle pace along the easy trail, travelling south across several concessions before turning back. Never once did I encounter another person, though I imagine in the warm weather there would be foot and bike traffic. Let's be honest, this is not a hike, but a lovely stroll through the forest along a well-maintained trail with nature and solitude.

As I returned to Fort Willow, I chose the second trail up the hill and was intrigued by the old concrete culvert travelling under the trail to drain into the Minesing wetlands. Why was I intrigued? Well, the culvert was old, with a black maw that should have bled light in from the other side of the culvert, instead the darkness was fathomless. Ok, so maybe those spirits are around and giving me fanciful thoughts. More likely the old culvert is just home to random skunks that would not appreciate me bothering them. Instead, I continued up the trail to learn about corduroy roads. I'll leave it up to you to find out what these roads are, that are named liked my childhood pants.

While I enjoyed the history stroll, I was not quite

ready to head home. Two hundred years or more this area had been the hub for travellers, and several of those trails still lead out from here. The trail I was on is part of the North Simcoe Rail trail, the Ganaraska hiking trail and the TransCanada Trail, all using the same path before leading off to other areas. To the north is the Minesing Wetlands Conservation area, which also has trails for hiking and biking. I walked south for a short distance along the road, following the Nine Mile Portage Heritage Trail which pioneers and soldiers followed for fifteen kms from Fort Willow to Kempenfelt Bay. The track leaves the road and uses a wooden boardwalk to cross through a wetland filled with bullrushes. I assume those soldiers did not have the luxury of this boardwalk and can only imagine the quagmire that they had to pull supplies through, not to mention the mosquitoes. From here the trail enters a hard wood forest and up a hill, ending up on the highway. I turned back here, as I had no interest in town walking, though it would be interesting to do the entire 15 km trail someday. For me, while I enjoyed this easy stroll, I will brush the mud off my poles and shoes, and head back out to more remote areas.

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HEALTHY GOURMET POPCORN FROM PLAIN TO PIZZAZZ



Move over microwave popcorn! Whether you are hosting a movie night or craving a quick snack, these gourmet popcorn recipes are loaded with flavour and filled with wholesome, healthy ingredients. Say hello to spiced-infused snacking perfection that's easy on the wallet and assembled in no time.

DID YOU KNOW?

A single serving of air-popped popcorn is about 3 cups (750 ml) and only 90–100 calories without added fats or toppings. Instead of shaking on grated parmesan, consider adding nutritional yeast for a cheesy flavor and a dose of B vitamins. Or sprinkle on turmeric and black pepper for their anti-inflammatory benefits. A good choice for cooking stove top popcorn is avocado oil as it can withstand high heat and is rich in monounsaturated fats, which support heart health.

STOVE TOP POPCORN INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup (83 ml) popcorn kernels
- 2 tablespoon (30 ml) avocado, coconut or extra virgin olive oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place a large, heavy-bottomed pot (with a lid) on medium heat. Add the oil and 2–3 popcorn kernels to the pot. Cover and heat until you hear the first kernel pop.
2. Remove the pot from the heat and add the remaining kernels in an even layer. Cover the pot and let it sit off the heat for 30 seconds. This step ensures all the kernels reach an even temperature and pop more consistently.
3. Return the pot to medium heat. Keep the lid slightly ajar to let steam escape. Shake the pot occasionally to prevent burning and ensure even popping. Once the popping slows to about 1 pop

- every 2–3 seconds, remove the pot from the heat.
4. Add your favourite seasonings and serve immediately.

POPCORN SEASONINGS

PARMESAN & BLACK PEPPER INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups (750 ml) air-popped or stove top popcorn
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) olive oil or melted butter
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) black pepper
- Salt to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Drizzle olive oil or butter over warm popcorn.
2. Sprinkle Parmesan, black pepper, and salt over the popcorn.
3. Toss well to coat evenly.

SWEET & SPICY CINNAMON PAPRIKA INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups (750 ml) air-popped or stove top popcorn
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) melted coconut oil or butter
- 2 teaspoons (10 ml) cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) granulated or coconut sugar
- Pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)
- Salt to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine cinnamon, paprika, coconut sugar, cayenne (if using), and salt in a small bowl.
2. Drizzle melted coconut oil or butter over the popcorn and toss.
3. Sprinkle the spice mix over the popcorn, mixing well.

CURRY, TURMERIC & BLACK PEPPER INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups (750 ml) air-popped or stove top popcorn
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive, avocado or melted coconut oil
- 1 ½ teaspoons (7.5 ml) curry powder

- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground turmeric
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) garlic powder
- Salt to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Drizzle oil over warm popcorn.
2. Mix turmeric, black pepper, garlic powder, and salt in a small bowl.
3. Sprinkle the spice mix over the popcorn, tossing to coat evenly.

ENJOY!

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Peter Robinson Memorial Fund

Since 2016, the Peter Robinson Memorial Fund at Huronia Community Foundation has benefited from the Annual Golf Tournament held in Peter's memory. This year the 7th annual event raised \$ 3,500. The fund has supported several local causes over the years including most recently the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre and Hospice Huronia Tomkins House. *Submitted by HCF, Nov. 13, 2024*



Pictured left to right Kayla, Charlie, Ailsa, Kyla and Tessa in front.

LABX Charity Fund

Once again this year the LABX Charity Fund at Huronia Community Foundation has supported over a dozen local charities and organizations. Recently Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care was the recipient of a \$ 1,000 grant.

"We are so appreciative of the continued commitment by LABX to Waypoint and our Child and Youth Community Programs" said Shelly Price, Development Officer-Special Events and Administration Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care.

Submitted by HCF, Nov. 13, 2024



Pictured left to right-Jamie Burns, Vice-President, HR and Operations LABX Media Group, Emma McFarland, Human Resources Manager, LABX Media and Cindy Ball, Director of Philanthropy Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care.

Dr. Sarah Adams Bursary

Established in 2023 the Dr. Sarah Adams Bursary was created at Huronia Community Foundation to assist a Wasaga Beach student financially with their post secondary school education. This year the \$ 500 bursary will be awarded to a student graduating from Stayner Collegiate.

Submitted by HCF, Nov. 13, 2024



Executive Director Scott Warnock receives a cheque from Dr. Mardi Charlton to help with this year's bursary. Dr. Charlton established the fund in memory of her close friend Sarah

Midland mayor says premier promises relief for 'absurd' OPP costs

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Nov 12, 2024

The OPP sent out billing costs for 2025 services to municipalities across the province, and a report on those increases caused many Midland councillors to consider rejecting the bill.

At a recent committee of the whole meeting, a summary of the OPP standard billing model explained the various factors that resulted in a 26.4 per cent increase of \$1.24 million for town policing costs from last year. Policing costs are spread out across the province, and shares to cover those costs are calculated by populations of municipalities. The report noted the biggest cost drivers were due to OPP salaries and benefits, an increase of Midland households (as the population of the town increased by nearly 100 households), and a return to pre-pandemic activity levels primarily around calls for service as well as prisoner transportation and court security.

Members of council attempted to understand how the OPP could justify their increased costs by asking town staff for explanations.

Coun. Bill Meridis said that with 2025 town budget discussions coming in the next month, his option would be to decline the OPP bill. "It's a ridiculous increase: \$1.2 million without any warning, 26 per cent over last year is absolutely devastating to a small community like ours. My stance is no," said Meridis. Coun. Sheldon East offered a further proposal, suggesting council send a bill for the amount to the provincial and federal governments for putting municipalities in the situation.

The matter was given a deep dive by Mayor Bill Gordon, who reiterated many points shared to residents since the early-October notification had been received. "There are all kinds of things I could say about this, including: 'told you so,'" said Gordon, referencing his time as a member of the Midland Police Services and its disbandment in 2018. "We all knew this was going to happen. We haven't saved any money; we still owe \$3.5 million

for the disbandment; any potential savings don't exist until you pay that cost of disbanding; but it is what it is."

Of new information, Gordon informed council that he had spoken directly with Premier Doug Ford and was assured that addressing OPP billing costs was a top priority. "For the just under 400 municipalities that are impacted by these staggeringly absurd increases, I expect to see some relief coming in the next month. I don't know what that looks like; clearly they weren't going to tell me other than they said: 'Bill, it's coming,'" said Gordon.

Gordon noted that Midland's courthouse was a factor, despite not having bail hearings, and acknowledged Penetanguishene's ongoing dispute with the province in being saddled with policing costs as host to the provincial Central North Correctional Centre since 2019. "For now," said Gordon, "we have to just accept this as what it is, and it's going to be about a 4 per cent tax increase for our residents before we even talk about the cost to run the town and all our ABCs (agencies, boards and commissions). It's scary; we could be looking at double-digit tax increases because of this, through no fault of our own."

Annual billing model information can be found on the OPP website. However, despite updating in late-October in previous years, 2025 information was not made available at the time of publication with a 'billing model presentation' listed as 'under review' on the site.

The 2025 OPP standard billing model report is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

Council meetings are held every third Wednesday, and can be viewed on Rogers TV cable channel 53 when available, or through the livestream on the Rogers TV website. Archives of council meetings are available through Rogers TV and on the Town of Midland's YouTube channel.

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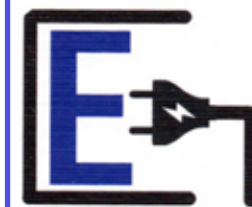
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BUSY 9 DAYS FOR KINGS SEES THEM BRING HOME 6 POINTS

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, Nov. 11, 2024

The Penetang Kings were busy from November 2nd to 9th playing five games in the nine-day time span and padded the standings with six points over this time span.

On Saturday November 2nd the Kings travelled to Bracebridge to face the Muskoka Bears and put on their best offensive performance of the season, scoring 10 goals in posting a 10-1 win. Tanner Thayer scored two goals and added two assists to pace the Kings attack, while Cole Rumbolt also added 2 markers and one helper. Owen Fuller, Carson Thayer, Carter Wilson, Ethan Boyes, Aidan Gravel and Wyndam Brownlee had single goals for the Kings. Landon Simec turned aside 31 shots in the Kings net recording the win. Tanner Thayer was selected as the Kings player of the game.

On Sunday November 3rd a tired Kings squad was in Huntsville and fell by a 5-3 margin in a closely contested affair to the Otters. Tanner Thayer, Matthew Laframboise and Camron Hutchinson scored the Kings goals. Penetang was outshot by Huntsville 40 to 30 with Simec turning aside 35 Otter shots. Hutchinson received the Kings player of the game honours for his efforts in the game.

The Kings returned home to a packed house Friday November 8th on Magna Night at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre and dropped a narrow 4-3 decision to the number one rival the Midland Flyers in overtime. In front of the largest crowd of the season the Kings held the for most of the game leading 2-0 and then 3-1 before Midland tied the score with under three minutes remaining in regulation time before Josh Underwood of the Flyers scored the overtime winner at 1:43 of the extra period. Penetang got one goal each from Thomas Ryder, Ty Hutton and Rumbolt. Jack Pinder made 37 saves in the Flyers goal

while Simec stopped 27 shots for the Kings. The Kings roster was fortified with three affiliated players: Ryder, Hutton and Jake Roberston. Ryder was named the Kings player of the game.

On Saturday November 9th in front of a much smaller home crowd the Kings played a complete game and garnered some revenge against Huntsville coming away with a 5-3 win. Carter Wilson led the way with two goals and two assists while Max Geere, Carson Thayer and Wyndam Brownlee scored single goals to round out the Penetang scoring. Simec stopped 40 shots in the Kings net. Wilson was named the Kings player of the game.

To complete a weekend of three games in three nights the Kings travelled down the highway to Orillia on Sunday November 10th to take on the Terriers and lost 5-4 in overtime. Penetang had built a 4-0 lead before Orillia scored a goal late in the second period and then followed up with another midway in the third stanza before scoring two goals in the final 1:03 to tie the contest and send it to overtime. Orillia's Evan Feltis then scored just 1:04 into the extra frame to cement the win. Penetang looked like they ran out of gas as the contest went on having played three games in less than 50 hours. Tanner Thayer netted two goals for the Kings with Cole Rumbolt and Riley Thayer chipping in single tallies. Simec turned aside 51 shots in the Penetang goal while the Kings managed 34 shots on the Orillia goalkeepers. Simec earned the Kings player of the game selection.

After the busy schedule Penetang now stands solidly in fourth place in the Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League after 18 games with 18 points, six points ahead of the Innisfil Spartans and trailing the third place Stayner Siskins by 10 points as the season nears the midway point.

The Kings next home game will be on Friday

November 22nd when they will play Stayner followed by another home contest on Friday November 29th against the Muskoka Bears as they look to gain some ground on the Siskins.

All pictures were taken by Russell Zmijowski.



Saturday November 2 @ Muskoka
Player of the Game - Tanner Thayer



Sunday November 3 @ Huntsville
Player of the Game - Cameron Hutchinson



Friday November 8 vs. Midland
Player of the Game - Ryder Thomas



Saturday November 9 vs. Huntsville
Player of the Game - Carter Wilson



Sunday November 10 @ Orillia
Player of the Game - Landon Simec



Wyndam Brownlee makes a break for the net vs the Flyers.



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TEAM McCLUNG	2-1-0	9.5
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TEAM ALLEN	0-3-1	6.5
TEAM HUTH	0-3-0	1.5

SECURED THE GOLD

Submitted by Sabrina Jatsura, Nov. 17, 2024
 On November 16, 2024 Keyden McCue, member of Beausoliel First Nations, attended ADCC Niagara Falls Open Jujitsu with Driven Jujitsu of Midland, ON team members and secured the Gold medal in his division.



Annie's Journal

Written by Annie Warner Donnelly

Dean Del Sesto wrote a book called, "Shift Your Thinking – 200 Ways to Improve Your Life. On page 136 he wrote about choice.

"Choice is the most powerful of all human forces. It's more powerful than ability, talent and giftedness; in fact, choice drives ability, talent and giftedness. If our choice is the wrong one or a complete blunder, we can choose to learn, to refocus, and to try again ... The most destructive choice of all ... is knowing there are decisions to be made, but choosing to sit on the sidelines of life, undecided, lifeless and eventually hopeless. It's the choice of not choosing that brings life to a halt, shuts down our potential, and creates the downward spiral of emotions that eventually lead to resignation and despair."

Choice is one of the most powerful gifts God has given to us! In return, He hopes we will choose Him as the One to follow. He hopes we will choose to follow the yearnings He has placed in our hearts.

We just celebrated Remembrance Day which originated from the Armistice signed on November 11, 1918. According to Britanica.com, "the Armistice ... was the agreement which stopped the fighting on the Western Front while the terms of permanent peace were discussed."

In the short-term, peace was achieved, but as we know, permanent peace has not been achieved.

According to history.com, "close to 61,000 Canadians were killed during that war, and another 172,000 were wounded. Many more returned home broken in mind and body. The small colony of Newfoundland suffered 1,305 killed and several thousand wounded."

We must remember them. We must remember those who are still making sacrifices in the hope that permanent peace will come, but there are still people who choose to fight, sometimes until someone dies.

Human beings fight in boardrooms and bedrooms, in backyards and parliament buildings, on school playgrounds, in dark alleys, across borders - any place can become a battle ground for people who want to fight.

Can't we use our great gift of choice to choose peace? Are we neglecting a yearning in our hearts for peace?

Let's not sit on the sidelines of life. Every effort made to restore and maintain peace, no matter how small, is vital to the health and well-being of all that God has created. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Let's try to be as brave as those who are defending our country and us. Let's do our part. As we interact with others, may our words and actions restore and maintain peace where it has been lost. Amen.



George Eugene Warner (Annie Warner Donnelly's Dad) was a Wireless Air Gunner in a Lancaster bomber stationed in Britain during World War II. He survived the war without physical injury and came home to father four daughters and two sons. He died of a brain aneurism in his 51st year.

Your U9 LL Elmvale Coyotes

By Keeley St. Germain, Nov. 18, 2024

As the first puck dropped for the 2024-2025 hockey season, the Elmvale Coyotes U9 team has hit the ice with a sense of hard work and dedication. They have shown a commitment to improve during both practices and games. The team has put in countless hours of practice in preparation for the first part of the season. The squad is filled with new hockey players, a solid group of determined underage players as well seasoned veterans. Though they are young, the U9 team has shown a strong desire to grow and advance their skills.

Our opponents have started the games with lots of pressure knowing they are facing a very strong Elmvale team. Although the U9 LL team has faced some tough competition, the Coyotes have played fearlessly and have managed to hold off the strong starts of their opponents and push back by winning puck battles, skating hard and putting pucks in the back of the net. "Our focus this season is not just about wins and loses, but about creating a culture of hard work,

teamwork, respect and fun" says Team Trainer Matt Waldron. That being said the U9 LL team has started the season hot with 4 wins, 1 loss and a hard-fought tie against a tough Oro team.

As the season progresses and the players transition to full ice, the competition will continue to improve, as will our Elmvale Coyotes. The players are all eager for the transition to full ice and to take on the next challenge. Their willingness to play hard for each other and be all-round great teammates will allow us to handle both victory and defeat as a team. The remainder of the season is packed with practices, games, jamborees and tournaments. It will be an exciting season filled with big wins and heartbreaking defeats. But one thing to be sure about is that our U9 LL team will leave it all on the ice and continue to make Elmvale proud.

Bring your noise makers and come out to cheer on your home town U9 Elmvale Coyote team. It is sure to be a season of thrilling and high energy games. Go Coyotes.



Picture from left to right top: Finn, Blakely, Cole, Blake, Corbin, Maverick, Fletcher Bottom: Wayde, Brayden, Ronan, Adeline and missing is Bentley.

OPP REPORT Submitted by OPP

Impaired Driver Arrested on Front Lawn of OPP Detachment

(MIDLAND, ON) An individual is facing impaired charges after driving a vehicle across the grass at an OPP detachment in Midland last night.

On November 16, 2024 at about 9:30pm, members of the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) while on patrol, were passing the Highway 12 office, when they observed a full size pickup truck attempting to negotiate a route from a nearby hotel, across the lawns of the detachment as well as the neighboring car dealership. (see photo) The officers stopped the vehicle and spoke with the lone occupant who displayed strong signs of alcohol consumption. The individual was placed under arrest and was ushered inside the detachment to provide a breath sample. The results registered several times above the legal limit.



As a result of this investigation, Bryan FOX, 31 years of Parry Sound District, was charged with several Highway Traffic Act offences as well as the following Criminal Code offences:

- Operation While Impaired
- Operation Over 80 Milligrams

The accused was released to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Midland on November 28, 2024. When charged with impaired driving, the driver's license of the accused is suspended for 90 days and the vehicle they were operating is impounded for 7 days.

OPP CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION ON FRAZER DRIVE MIDLAND RESULTING IN ROAD CLOSURE

(MIDLAND, ON) - As a result of an ongoing investigation officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded to a Frazer Drive, Midland residence on November 13, 2024 at approximately 9:05 a.m. resulting in the roadway being closed in the area of Frazer Drive between Rose Crescent and Park Avenue.

In an abundance of caution, nearby St. Theresa's High Catholic High School has been put in a hold and secure status and investigators urge all persons to avoid the police perimeter. Detachment members remind the public to always use caution and be aware of their personal safety at all times. The OPP's website contains a number of useful resources, tips and links at OPP.CA

Police Presence Clearing, Hold and Secure Lifted

(MIDLAND, ON) - The Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is now clearing the scene on Frazer Drive in Midland, where one individual has been taken into custody.

On November 13, 2024, at approximately 9:05 a.m., the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded to an incident at a residence on Frazer Drive. The road was closed between Rose Crescent and Park Avenue.

An individual has been taken into custody without incident. As a result, the hold and secure at St. Theresa's Catholic High School has been lifted.

Police resources will be clearing from the area shortly. The investigation is ongoing by the OPP Southern Georgian Bay Detachment, with assistance from the Emergency Response Team (ERT), Canine Unit and Crime Unit.

Update:

Midland Male Charged with Numerous Offences

As a result of this investigation Michael John RANSOM 44 years of Midland was arrested at the scene and has been charged with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Uttering Threats - Cause death or Bodily Harm (five counts)
- Mischief - obstructs, interrupts or interferes with any person in the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property
- Mischief - destroys or damages property
- Uttering Threats - Damage Property

The accused remains in custody awaiting a bail hearing and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

MALE CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED OPERATION AFTER TRAFFIC TIP

(SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual with impaired driving related charges because of a traffic tip.

On November 12, 2024, at approximately 6:28 p.m., Huronia West OPP officers responded to a traffic tip of a possible impaired driver in Springwater Township. Officers located the vehicle on Bayfield Street where they conducted an impaired driving investigation. As a result, Geoffrey BARNETT, 57-year-old of Springwater Township, was arrested and has been charged with the following:

- Operation while Impaired - Alcohol and Drugs
- Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (80 plus)

The accused is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED OPERATION AFTER VEHICLE STRIKES HYDRO POLE

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one youth with impaired driving related charges after vehicle struck a hydro pole.

On November 12, at approximately 1:24 a.m., Huronia West OPP officers responded to a single vehicle motor vehicle collision where a vehicle struck a hydro pole in the Town of Wasaga Beach. Upon arrival the driver had fled the scene but was located by officers a brief time later. Officers engaged in an impaired operation investigation. As a result, a 17-year-old of Wasaga Beach, was arrested and has been charged with the following:

- YPC Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (80 plus)
- YPC Operation while Impaired - Alcohol and Drugs
- YPC Dangerous Operation

The youth was additionally charged under the Highway Traffic Act with:

- Novice Driver - B.A.C. Above Zero
- Fail to Report Accident

The accused is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Suspicious Vehicle Complaint Leads OPP to Investigate Waubashene Resident for Numerous Driving Offences

(MIDLAND, ON) - As a result of a community members complaint of a suspicious vehicle called into the OPP Communication Centre, a Waubashene resident now faces a number of driving related charges.

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded at approximately 11:46 p.m. November 5, 2024 to the complaint and located the vehicle in a small parking lot just off Sundowner Road, Midland and upon speaking with the lone occupant, entered into an impaired by drug driving investigation.

The scene investigation resulted in the seizure

of a quantity of drug paraphernalia and a further investigation at detachment by a qualified OPP Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officer has led to the following charges.

John Joe Danny GANNY 45 years of Waubashene, Tay Township has been charged with - Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs, Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court, Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court all contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. The accused was further arrested on outstanding warrants held by detachment members in regards to area investigations.

Traffic Complaint Leads OPP to Investigate Port McNicoll Resident for Numerous Driving Offences

(TAY TOWNSHIP, ON) - As a result of a community members traffic complaint called into the OPP Communication Centre, a Port McNicoll resident now faces a number of driving related charges.

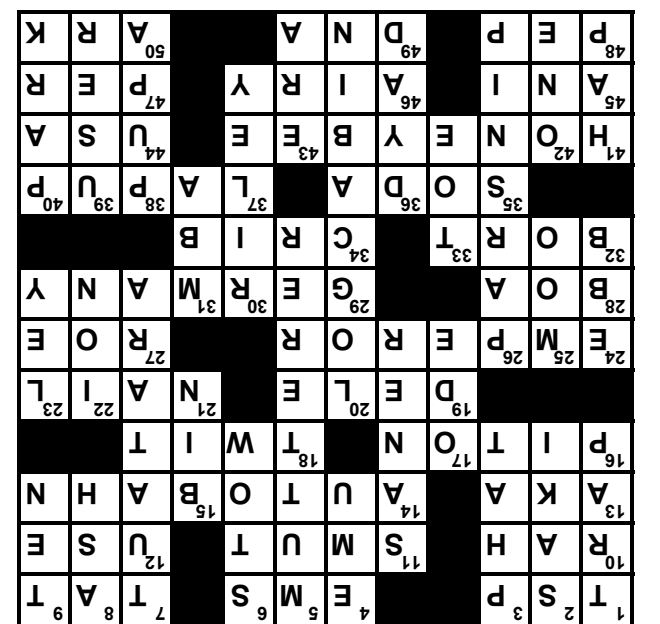
Officers responded at approximately 9:18 p.m. November 6, 2024 to the complaint involving a motorcycle in the Grandview Road area of Port McNicoll. A short time later, a loud motorcycle matching the description was observed by an officer from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) while it was southbound on William Street, Midland. The motorcycle appeared to be visually travelling above the posted speed limit and the officer took a position follow the motorcycle at a safe distance while observing a number of driving infractions as it travelling east on Highway 12 into Tay Township.

The officer was able to safely stop the motorcycle near Triple Bay Road, Tay Township and after speaking with the lone occupant and conducting a check on the Canadian Police Information Centre (C.P.I.C) the driver was placed under arrest and after a further investigation was completed, Benjamin Joshua TALBOT 34 years of Tay Township has been charged with the following offences.

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- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code

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Holiday Magic by Candlelight

Submitted by Sainte-Marie among the Hurons

Nov. 13, 2024 - MIDLAND, ON: First Light is an award-winning holiday event featuring live musical performances, an extensive artisan market, and family activities—all illuminated by thousands of candles. This year, the candlelit holiday magic will include two landmark destinations for the price of one: Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and Martyrs' Shrine.

The reconstructed 17th-century mission will be transformed into a magical holiday experience, and Canada's early church will also be fully illuminated, hosting family fun for all. The beloved First Light has been extended to include Sunday evenings and will take place from 5:30 to 9 p.m on November 21-24, November 28 to December 1, and December 5-8. "This year's First Light at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and Martyrs' Shrine is a great way to start the holiday season, and a great reason to visit Midland with friends and family," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "First Light is a one-of-a-kind, magical winter experience for people of all ages. Take your loved ones and learn about the early Church in Canada and enjoy the festive sights, sounds, and tastes of the season – all lit by candlelight in two beautiful, historical settings."

All 12 evenings will offer a rich tapestry of festive activities and experiences for guests to enjoy and each weeknight also includes a special feature, allowing guests to choose their own candlelit adventure:

- Thursdays: World-class fireworks, visible from both Sainte-Marie and Martyrs' Shrine, will light up the winter night sky at 7 p.m. Community choirs will perform holiday tunes at 6 and 7:15 p.m.

Fridays: Neil Monague will share traditional First Nations stories and hand-drumming by the fire in the longhouse, offering a cultural experience guests are sure to enjoy.

Saturdays: Francophone sensation Ariko, featuring the Lefaive family, will perform a great mix of traditional and original toe-tapping French fiddle tunes in the Sainte-Marie theatre.

Sundays: Mark the start of Christian Advent by participating in a special Mass inside the gorgeous Martyrs' Shrine at 7:30 p.m.

Guided by lantern-lit pathways, visitors at Sainte-Marie will enjoy historic buildings adorned for the holiday season with fresh greenery and festive décor—all bathed in the beautiful amber glow of cozy fires and more than 5,000 candles. The Martyrs' Shrine will offer a festive lights experience, illuminating the church's beautiful grounds, including a pedestrian-only market-style square and warming stations.

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DANCE



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Hosted by

The Library Restaurant in

The Ballroom of Midland's Quality Inn Saturday, December 7, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 pm

\$40.00 per person*

Details & Reservations: 705-528-0100

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- Trinity Church Fundraising Auction - Guelph (Nov 20 - 24)
- Legacy Coins & Stamps Auction - Guelph (Dec 1 - 5)
- Snyder's Home & Holiday Treasures Auction - Guelph (Dec 1 - 5)
- The Estate of Walter Boyd Auction - Innisfil (Dec 8 - 12)
- Merry & Bright Multi-Consignor Auction - Guelph (Dec 15 - 19)

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E.D.G.E.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 pm

Program - TBA

Elmvale Legion, upstairs

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BAZAAR

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Community Events - Ongoing

SENIOR CLUBS

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Rec. Centre, 527 Len Self Blvd, Midland
P: (705) 526-7609

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

MONDAY

Elmvale Seniors Drop In

Monday's
10 am - 12 noon
Elmvale Library. Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Every Monday.
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Indoor Pickleball 1:00 - 2:30 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Bid Euchre, 1 - 3:30 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Yoga, 9am-10am
Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15-10:15am
Coffee Break, 10:30-12pm
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps, 10:35-11am
Walking Club, 11 am-12pm

TUESDAY

Elmvale Legion

Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO

Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Gentle Chair Yoga 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Indoor Pickleball 1:00 - 2:30 pm/ 2:30 - 4:00 pm
Bid-Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 - 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Badminton, 1pm-3pm
1:30 Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Probus Club of Simcoe North

Penetang Legion, Poyntz St., Penetanguishene
Monthly meeting for fun & fellowship every second Tuesday. Mary Grise (705)526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY

Bay Shore Seniors Club

LifeStyles - 9:00 - 10:30 am
Bridge - 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Indoor Pickleball - 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
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

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Step Class, 9 am-10am
Chair Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am
Cribbage, 10am-11am
Men's Shed, 10am-12pm
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm

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.
Mary Grise 705-526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.com

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Indoor Pickleball 12 - 1:30 pm
Book Club (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Darts 2:00 - 4:00 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
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

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.

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

VON Smart Exercise (FREE) 9:30 - 10:30 am
Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm
Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball 10:30 - 12:00 pm/ 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Shuffleboard 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am
3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
Drumming Alive, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Chair Yoga, 9am-10am
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
Game Club, 10am-11am
Tabata, 9am-10am
Card Making, 1pm-3pm

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

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Indoor Pickleball 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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.

MONDAY to FRIDAY

S.M.A.R.T Exercise Program with V.O.N.

Mon 9:30-10:30am
1724 Mosley St - Hall 1A Recplex gym
Wed & Fri 1:00 - 2:00 pm 44 River Road West
Re/Max Room (Stars Arena)

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program

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Adults 55+ FREE
Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)
Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall
Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall
Also available - pole walking at Heritage Park on Wednesdays 9:15am
Times and locations all subject to change.
Bring good support (running) shoes and water
Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

North Simcoe Bridge and Games Club

Brooklea Golf and Country Club
Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, Tues 6:45pm: Social Bridge, Wed., 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, Thur. 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, Fri. 12pm: Bid Euchre. Contact Gail Chapman @ 705-361-9222 or northsimcoebridge@gmail.com.

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach

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

Special Events - One Time

First Light

November 21st to December 8th, 5:30pm to 9pm
Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and Martyrs' Shrine! 16164 Highway 12 East, Midland

Christmas on the Hill Penetanguishene

November 21st, 6pm to 9pm
Downtown Penetanguishene

Elmvale Legion Christmas Bazaar and Tea

Sat. Nov. 23, 2024, 10:30 - 3 pm
Crafts, jewelry, baked goods.
Elmvale Legion, 7 John St

Midhurst Arts and Crafts Tour & Tea Room

Nov. 23 11-2pm, Nov. 24 12-2pm Cost: \$12
Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Road, Midhurst

Elmvale Christmas Market

Nov. 28, 2024 5pm-9pm downtown Elmvale
Support food bank with prizes, live music, food and drinks.

St Margaret's Christmas Lunch and Bazaar

Nov. 30th 11am-2pm
\$9.00 Lunch: sandwiches, drinks and desserts
Gift Bags, mystery bags and a bake table

St. Louis Church Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

Sat. Dec. 7, 9.30 am. - 12.30 pm
Line 4 at St. Louis Rd, Hillsdale/Medonte

Holiday Vendor & Craft Fair

10am - 3pm at the Midhurst United Church
Join us to honour Elaine, support cancer research & get holiday shopping done!

Santa Comes To Steelers

Dec. 14, 2024 1-3pm
23 Queen St. W, Elmvale

PARADES

Wasaga Beach Santa Claus Parade

Nov. 23, 2024 12 pm Starts on Dunkerron Ave. & ends at the RecPlex

Waubashene Santa Claus Parade

Nov. 24, 2024 1-5pm
Pine Street from Hazel Street to Fallowfield Lane, ending with a visit with Santa at the fire hall.

Wyevalle Santa Claus Parade

Nov. 30, 2024 at 7 pm
Theme: 12 Days of Christmas.
Contact Dwoods@factoryrecreation.com

Midland Santa Claus Parade

Nov. 30, 2024 at 11am
Starts at Little Lake and travels down main street.

Elmvale Lions Santa Claus Parade

Sun. Dec. 1, 2024 at 1pm
Bring Santa Letters and Food bank donations.

Coldwater Santa Claus Parade

Sat. Dec. 7, 2024 at 5:30pm . Starts on Gray St and travels down main street.

TREE LIGHTING

Tiny Township: Nov. 26, 2024 5-6:30pm. Live music, a visit with Santa, hot drinks, food trucks and more

Elmvale: Nov. 29, 2024 6:30-7:30pm, 4 corners

Midland: Nov. 30, 2024 5:30-7pm

Penetanguishene: Dec. 6, 2024 5-7:30pm

Hillsdale: Dec. 7, 2024 at 6 pm 4517 Penetang Rd

Wasaga Beach Moves Forward, Selects New Partner for Redevelopment of Town's Iconic Beachfront

Submitted by Town of Wasaga Beach - Nov. 14, 2024

The Town of Wasaga Beach has awarded an RFP to redevelop part of the Town's iconic downtown and beachfront commercial area to Stonebridge Building Group. The RFP covers the portion of Town-owned property at Beach Area One between 1st and 3rd Street.

Mayor Brian Smith made the announcement during today's regularly scheduled Council meeting. During the meeting, Council directed staff to move forward and negotiate terms and conditions for the sale of the Town-owned beachfront parcels of land between 1st Street and 3rd Street with Stonebridge Building Group, which would include important details up-front, including project timelines:

- Negotiations are expected to move quickly because many of these details have already been addressed through the RFP process.

- Public feedback gathered earlier this year through public meetings and design workshops organized by the Town and FRAM Building Group will also be used to help inform Stonebridge Building Group's design process. This public input has already supported and shaped the designs and plans presented by Sunray Hotel Group, which were shared at a public meeting on June 20, 2024.

In his remarks, Mayor Smith commented that Council is thrilled to welcome Stonebridge Building Group to the project. The company has been actively investing and building in the Town of Wasaga Beach for over 20 years. Almost ten years ago, Stonebridge Building Group contributed \$75,000 towards the development of Town's current Beachfront Redevelopment Master Plan. At that time, this investment was leveraged with investments by the Town and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism.

Stonebridge Building Group's portfolio of work includes several commercial and residential developments in the Town of Wasaga Beach. The mixed-use, commercial and residential nature of the Town's Downtown Redevelopment Master Plan is an important part of what will make the project successful.

Stonebridge Building Group is also a well-known corporate citizen and sponsor of local projects and festivals that support the arts and culture, including the annual Wasaga Beach Blues Festival, Memories of Summer, the Town's first annual Breaking the Ice Music Festival, and more.

IN MEMORY



MEHAN, Parshotam Lall
Jan 9, 1937 - Nov 30, 2022
 Suddenly you were gone, from all the lives you left your mark upon. Always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, changing lives for families without ever asking for praise. Raising a family thousands of kilometers from home and prospering from city to town building upon each success. Your last moments on this earth witnessed by your loving daughter Madhu. You were highly respected by those around from far and wide with your fairness, strong work ethic and ability to know right from wrong. You found happiness in a sunny day and a warm smile and liked nothing more than to be with family and friends. Goodbye Dad.

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EVENTS

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 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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ELMVALE LIONS CLUB
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Penetanguishene Winner



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Mckalester, who is self-employed, has been playing the lottery with OLG since he reached the legal age. He enjoys playing LOTTO MAX and LOTTO 6/49 weekly, using OLG's Quick Pick feature to make his selections. Mckalester also makes sure to add ENCORE to his tickets. This dedication has led to his first big win!

“While out and about, I scanned my ticket using the OLG app,” said Mckalester, while visiting the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to collect his winnings. “I had to scan it a few times to confirm what I was seeing. I shared the good news with my wife, and she was very happy for me.”

Mckalester will take some time before deciding what to do with his windfall.

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OBITUARIES



KOSCIELNIAK, Rick

It is with heartbreaking sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Rick Koscielniak of Midhurst on November 15th at Royal Victoria Hospital at the age of 75 after a valiant two year battle with cancer. He passed with his loving wife and his

sister at his side.

Beloved husband and cherished partner in life to Connie (O'Neill). Dear brother of Stasia McCullough (Hal, deceased) and Zyg and his wife Helene. He will be remembered by his brother-in-law Ed (Bev) and sister-in-law Joan (Allan), brother-in-law Jim (deceased) and Heather.

He will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. He was profoundly grateful for the loving support of Cori and Randy, Holly and Dave, Jennifer and Phil and Dane and Jennie.

Rick was raised in Kapuskasing by his parents John and Jennie (deceased). He attended Queens University and North Bay Teachers' College and began his teaching career in Barrie where he met and married his wife, Connie. Lifelong friendships over his teaching career meant the world to him.

He found great joy and contentment sharing the cottage with family and friends.

We are very grateful for his nurse, Robyn, who provided loving guidance through his cancer journey. Her care and kindness is deeply appreciated.

The family would also like to acknowledge the wonderful care provided by Dr. Z. Veitch, Oncologist, and Dr. J. Yuen, Family doctor.

He will be missed and loved forever and always for the wonderful supportive husband and family man that he was. Always in our hearts.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Adam's Funeral Home, 445 St. Vincent St., Barrie, Ontario on Sunday, November 24, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a short service in the chapel. All are welcome to stay for a luncheon following the service.

There will be a private family Mass at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



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OBITUARIES



Douglass, Judith Diane (nee Reynolds)
 Peacefully at home, Orillia, on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, in her 74th year. Judy, beloved wife of the late Ross Douglass. Loving mother of Kim Douglas (Emerson "Jack" Fraser) of Orillia and Kirk Douglas of Barrie. Dear sister of Jim (predeceased)(Jean) Reynolds of Barrie and Fran (Murray) Cochrane of Elmvale. Judy will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews and their families. Cremation has taken place. As per Judy's wishes there will be no visitation or service. If desired, memorial donations to the SPCA - Orillia Branch or the Diabetes Canada would be appreciated.

Messages of condolence are welcomed at www.mundellfuneralhome.com

Springwater News in Cuba

Our fourth trip to Cayo Santa Maria in Cuba this year... Couldn't leave without our Springwater news! Stephanie and Mark (Nov. 18, 2024)



MAW, Connie Beatrice
 Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie on Sunday, November 17, 2024. Connie Maw of Elmvale in her 64th year. Beloved mother of Chantel Kelly. Connie will be dearly missed by her partner Brian Gillespie. Sister of Bonnie (Peter), Jim (Barb), Rosanne, and the late Paul. Daughter of the late Floyd and Ruthann Maw. Connie will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Celebration of Con's Life will be held at the Elmvale Lions Club on Sunday, December 1, from 1 pm - 5 pm.

Cremation with interment in Minesing Cemetery. Memorial donations in Connie's memory may be made to the Sarcoma Cancer Foundation of Canada.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com

Local Student Served at Queen's Park



By Ziggy Knutson, Nov. 18, 2024

I served as a Page at Queen's Park. my term, I worked in the Legislative Chamber, passing notes, key documents and water to the members of parliament, court clerks, and the Hansard. I met parliamentary figures like our premier, the leader of the opposition, the Lieutenant Governor, the Sargeant-at-Arms and the Speaker. I had lunch with my MPP, Jill Dunlop and the head clerk. I learned about Ontario's parliamentary system and saw how it works from the inside. I got to hand over petitions and listen to Question Period debates. I was chosen from hundreds of applicants. I learned the faces, names and ridings of 124 MPPs. I developed my leadership and speaking skills during our Legislative Processes classes through debates and I became close friends with the other Pages. I am so glad I got this opportunity and hope to return as MPP.



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Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service

This service is a time for family members and friends dealing with grief and loss at Christmas to remember and honour their loved ones. Whether the loss is that of a parent, a spouse, a child, a sibling or a friend, we can light a candle in their memory.

The service will be lead by Fr. Jim Bussanich of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and will take place at

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church
 Elmvale
 7:00 pm
 Sunday, December 1, 2024**

Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special evening.

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**Ladies Auxiliary
Candy Cane Bazaar**

Midland Legion, Ladies' Auxiliary
Candy Cane Bazaar
Saturday, November 23rd—9am to 2pm
Lunch counter, bake table, draw and silent auction.



**Christmas Dinner
and Dance**

Georgian Bay Swinging Seniors
Christmas Dinner & Dance—Saturday November 23rd
Tickets are on sale now! Call (705) 526-5074 for more information.



Midland Civitan Club's
Santa Claus Parade

"A Nostalgic Christmas"

Midland Civitan Club's Santa Claus Parade
Saturday November 30th—Starts at 11am
Little Lake Park and going down King Street



**Waubaushene
Santa Claus
Parade**

**Waubaushene
Santa Claus Parade**
Sunday November 24th - 1pm
Donations of food & toys collected.
Parade entries and volunteers
are needed.
Please call (705) 529-6820



Pop-Up Produce Market
November 20th & Dec 18th
10am to 1pm

No sign up required, first come first served.

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November 30th from 10am to 3pm
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