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'Nice ring to it': Innovation hub opens in Midland as 'Route 93'

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, May 12, 2025

Route 93 might have a new name, but it's full of familiar faces.

Rebranded from the Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe (or EDCNS), an official launch of Route 93 took place this week at its new innovation hub on the corner of Hugel Avenue and King Street in Midland.

"If you think about Highway 93, it brings everybody to North Simcoe and it's inclusive of all of our communities," said EDCNS chair Paul Marchildon. "Our purpose is not only to grow the businesses locally, but it's also to attract innovation and bring new business to the area. We felt from an economic development perspective that it had a nice ring to it."

The manufacturing sector was represented through Triumph North, True North Manufacturing, and Baytech Plastics. Midland Mayor Bill Gordon and Tay Township Mayor Ted Walker attended with other politicians on the EDCNS board. North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation also joined, along with the Midland Public Library.

Within the first minutes of the kickoff event, networking was already taking place. Integration analyst and I.T. manager Daniel Dickinson with Ambient Activity, a company building kiosks for seniors and long-term care homes, had connected with electronics engineer Stephen Makk of Makk Design.

Said Ron Neumann, vice chair of the EDCNS board: "We're really bringing together a lot of resources, to help grow and build companies with a special focus on manufacturing, construction, tourism, and agriculture."

Cathryn Love, director of the innovation hub, said that the location at 270 King Street in the heart of Midland's downtown core was exciting. "I think there's so much talent up here and there's a lot of

great businesses; we just need that opportunity and that space to connect, and that's really what we're hoping to bring with Route 93."

Board member Trina Duguay represented Georgian Bay District Secondary School through her role with the business studies department, and looked forward to connecting students with local leaders and opportunities.

"When we organized events, developed programs, or tried to make connections for students in the past, it was very piecemeal," said Duguay. "I think this hub will give us that venue where we can siphon all those types of activities and opportunities for students through one track. The resources that Route 93 will be able to provide for making these connections and giving students rich experiences is something that we're also very much looking forward to."




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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor
For hundreds of years, in Ontario, the people have celebrated democracy. In approx., 2004, a document was created, for the province, on how to govern Ontario and the municipalities. Having read that document never in my wildest nightmares did I think the provincial government would actually pay heed to the recommendations, to remove democracy and/or to limit it. It seems, now, with sections 284.2 to 284.17, of the Municipal Act, the province has moved forward with that project, which includes incorporating the “Russian Federation.”[1]
From the very first Municipal Act, etc., which supported our democratic system of governance, it’s very disturbing that our provincial government has decided that democracy should be removed, due to recommendations of a few academics. From the 2004 report, “Investing in Human Capital Creating a Human Capital Society Panel on the role of government”:

“Direct democracy permits individual citizens to make choices about specific policy issues. However, direct democracy raises serious concerns about the ability of referenda to address complex policy issues, the role of money in the voting process, the loss of democratic debate and the hindering of rational policy making. Given the experience with direct democracy in other jurisdictions (e.g., California), we believe that its role should be very limited and carefully structured. It should not be used for general policy decisions manageable by representative democracy, such as the desirable level of taxes.”
We all understand it takes governments time to implement things, but never should any citizen, of Ontario, have to be concerned that our provincial government would actually enact such a violation of our constitution, or create such an absurdity of the Municipal Act.
The Municipal Act sets out the rules on Council’s authority and obligations. This is the entire Council

duly elected by the residents, of the municipality. Not only has amalgamation decidedly remove democracy, increased taxes, denied people their rights, but now, with the Strong Mayor Powers, the entire Act contradicts itself.
Council Members are to represent the various voices in the municipality. Without these voices, at the table, there is no democracy, ergo, our municipalities are nothing less that minor communist governments, with the Mayor(s) acting the part of mini-Putin. This goes against every constitutional document and every ethical/ moral principle known, in this Nation, and this province. These contradictions, placed in the Municipal Act, need to be repealed for the sake of the entire population of this province. Nothing spells disaster like decidedly violating the rights of the people, by attempting to grant socialist/fascist powers. We must all remember that was why there was WWI and WWII, etc.
Elizabeth Marshall, May 12, 2025

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EDITOR’S NOTES

By Linda Belcourt

Canada Post is not able to deliver this edition. Let’s hope the strike does not last long. We have been working hard to get more news stands out.
During the last strike people were picking up the paper and we had to refill stands continuously.
If you want to help please call the office. If any business wants to drive traffic, we will drop off copies. Check the website for additional news stands as they are placed. Midland downtown stores will be approached to help out.
The Route 93 Innovation hub is now open and is a great addition to economical development in North Simcoe and beyond. I sure intend to support this initiative. When I work in Midland I have a professional space to meet clients and other business owners. The networking opportunities are very beneficial. We have made some great connections. Looking forward to more!

Pick, Feed and Train a 4-H Calf



Written By: Tyler Phillips Vice President and Press Reporter, May 8, 2025
The Elmvale 4-H Dairy Club had our first meeting on April 29, 2025 at Shady Glen Farms. We introduced ourselves and played a “Get To Know You” game. Jay Robertson provided tips and advice on how to pick, feed and train a 4-H calf. We had three heifer calves to choose from, where we gave reasons on what we liked about the calf. We moved the meeting to North Simcoe Vet Clinic and Dr. Elri Oosthuizen provided important information about calf health, and how to keep our calves healthy during the show season. We concluded our meeting with voting for President, Vice President and Secretary positions. We would like to thank Shady Glen Farms, Jay Robertson and Dr. Elri Oosthuizen for a great first meeting.



50th Anniversary 1974/1975 Elmvale Juvenile OMHA Champs

On the first weekend of May, 2025, members of the reunited hockey team to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their victory. Below we see the team modeling their championship jackets. It has been rumored to be the “best team ever”)

Top row: Danny (Dink) Ritchie, Mike Ootelaar, Paul Craddock, Joe Melnyk, Steve Loftus, Rick Durnford, John Melnyk, Ross Downey, John Trace, Mark Archer.

Middle row: Manager Brian Handy, Peter Beardsall, Jeff Columbus, Dave Morrow, Danny Breedon, Greg Giffen, Coach George Conn

Front row: Frank Archer- President of Elmvale Minor Hockey, Bill Trace Assistant Manager and Ross McConnell.



2025 Hockey Team Members shown below:

Top row: Frank Archer, Danny Ritchie, Joe Melnyk, Steve Loftus, Ross Downey, John Trace, Mark Archer

Bottom row: Brian Handy, Peter Beardsall, Josh Columbus (Jeff’s son), Dave Morrow, Dan Breedon, Greg Giffen.

Sadly these team members have passed : Paul Craddock, John Melnyk, Jeff Columbus, George Conn, Bill Trace, Ron DeKleyne, Guy Reeve, Jim Grigg





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What to expect:

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- Community BBQ by Enbridge with all donations supporting the St. Margaret's Food Bank.
- Fuel your knowledge of public works by jumping in the driver's seat, getting your hands on the specialized equipment, and more!



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Town of Midland summer events

- May**
- Public Works Palooza - May 24, 2025
- June**
- Kids Fishing Derby - June 7, 2025
 - Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival presented (OBBTF) by Chapman's - June 14, 2025
- July**
- Canada Day Festival - July 1, 2025
 - Music in the Park (Sunday evenings) - first day July 6, 2025
- August**
- Tall Ships Midland - August 15 - 17, 2025
 - Music in the Park (Sunday evenings) - final day August 24, 2025
- September**
- Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament - September 12, 2025
 - Midland Mural Festival - September 27, 2025

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Having a bonfire?

Get your permit and find the current fire rating on our website, visit midland.ca/firepermit

Yonge Street closures May to November

Closures along Yonge Street will be taking place May through to November for the Yonge Street Reconstruction Project.



Plan your route and expect some delays throughout the project. Access to businesses along Yonge St. will be available.

midland.ca/Construction

Volunteer at OBBTF presented by Chapman's!

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- Midland Penetanguishene Transit Committee

midland.ca/Apply

Watermain flushing starting soon

Yearly watermain flushing starts this week. When flushing takes place in your area you may experience some interruptions for the day. Find your flushing zone and more on our website.

midland.ca/Flushing

Upcoming Council meetings



Regular Council Meeting

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Everyone Deserves Help from Students (EDHS)

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, May 18, 2025

Each year in May, the high school organizes "Everyone Deserves Help from Students" day. The original name was Elmvale Deserves Help from Students. This idea was formed from a marketing class that received support from the community.

The first one was in late seventies. The teacher challenged students to come up with an idea on how the students could give back. They came up with the idea of community members signing up for any chores they needed done. Maybe there was a slight motivation of getting out of class for a sunny day after a long winter. They certainly did not think at the time that the tradition would carry on for so long. Linda Belcourt explains, "My marketing class mates come up with this idea. It was fun back then and it is still fun now. The senior class would run a car wash and the rest were out painting, cleaning, gardening and any chore that needed done. I enjoyed having my daughters and their friends paint and clean our garden shed for EDHS Day. I gave them motivation and told them they could hang out in it as their club house. It is now affectionately named "The Hoe Shack". They worked until dark that day, well past when the school day ended."

Today, the students still volunteer to help organizations and individuals in the community with such jobs as painting, cleaning, repairing, etc. There is no charge for the service; it is a service to highlight the co-operation between community and school and to thank the community for the support shown for high school activities.



Vern Beacock, on right, enlisted help from students to clean up the graveyard on Conc 10 E, Elmvale. The ground was too rough to cut grass. The hard working students raked and shoveled the ground smooth.



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Participate - hear about community events, recreation programs, and public meetings



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May 26*
2:00 PM

June 4
2:00 PM

June 25
2:00 PM



Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at www.tiny.ca/events.

*A special Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to consider the Shoreline By-law for shoreline areas in proximity to Georgian Bay, proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-laws, as well as related amendments to the Delegated Authority and Fee By-laws.



Beaches in Tiny

Residents and visitors are reminded that personal items/private property cannot be left unattended or overnight on municipally owned property. Items left unattended or stored on municipal property will be removed by the township at the owner's expense.

Waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed that are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.



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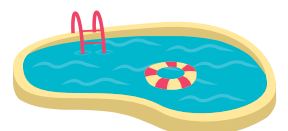


Building Permits

Looking to start your summer project? Apply for your building permit first!

Reminder to residents that building permits are required for projects such as:

- pools
- decks
- additions



To learn more about what projects require a building permit or to apply for one online, visit www.tiny.ca/building.

Have questions? Contact our Building Department at building@tiny.ca!

2025 Property Taxes



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- June 30
- September 29



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Learn more at: www.tiny.ca/taxes

Recreation and Special Events

Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament

- Thursday, June 5, 2025
- 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Registration is now open, sponsorships available.

www.tiny.ca/golf

Senior Symposium

- June 12, 2025
- 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Enjoy a day filled with expert speaker presentations, informative booths hosted by local groups and clubs for older adults, a delicious lunch, and an update of Tiny's Local Aging Plan.

www.tiny.ca/events

Community BBQ

- Saturday July 12, 2025
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tiny's annual Community BBQ event is our biggest, most highly anticipated community celebration.

www.tiny.ca/CommunityBBQ



Park Washrooms, Water Fill Stations, and Jackson Park Boat Ramp Updates



Park Washrooms

Washrooms at our major beach parks in Tiny are now open! To see which parks have washroom facilities, visit www.tiny.ca/Beaches.



Water Fill Stations

The public water fill stations at many of Tiny's beaches, parks, and facilities are now open. To check the status and location of the water fill stations, visit www.tiny.ca/WaterStations.



Jackson Park Boat Ramp

The Jackson Park boat ramp is now open! Please note that the boat ramp has limited depth and is intended for small watercraft use only. Conditions may vary day to day based on sand movement. Ramp use is at the risk of the user, and they must assess depth and suitability for the watercraft. The Township of Tiny is not responsible or liable for the any vehicle or watercraft damage or usability of the ramp.



‘Technical challenges’ causing project delays on Finlay Mill Rd.

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 14, 2025

When it was announced at a public information session in January 2024, the installation of five kilometres of force main from the Midhurst Heights development to the wastewater treatment plant on Snow Valley Road was scheduled to take 35 weeks.

“A year at the outside,” officials added then, providing themselves a small cushion in case of complications.

Almost 70 weeks later, the job isn’t finished and Finlay Mill Road, just north of Barrie, remains a one-way thoroughfare, causing traffic delays and congestion throughout the community.

Contrary to community speculation, the delay has little to do with the “financial difficulties” of the company that was hired to do the installation, Earth Boring Company Ltd.

“The Township of Springwater became aware of Earth Boring Co. Limited’s financial difficulties in April 2025, which was a matter of public record,” Trevor Harvey, the township’s director of public works, told BarrieToday in an email. “The implications associated with these difficulties do not affect the township directly as there are no contractual arrangements between the township and the contractor.

“The agreements are strictly with the developer,” he added.

According to information presented at the

public information session, the developer, Rose Corporation, was footing the bill for the force-main installation with no contributions coming from municipal tax dollars.

According to a posting on BDO Canada’s website, on April 17, 2025, “Earth Boring Co. Ltd., Yarbridge Holdings Inc., Trolan Investments Ltd., and Yarfield Services Ltd. (collectively ‘Earth Boring’ or the ‘Debtors’) sought and obtained an initial order from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (commercial list) pursuant to the Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act.”

Harvey explained that the delay has been caused by what’s in the ground along the planned path of the force main.

“The issues contributing to the delays are related to technical challenges,” he said. “Specifically, the construction process is facing difficulties due to the presence of cobbles and boulders in the planned path for drilling, which complicates the construction methods.

“Additionally, there are pending approvals needed from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO), which extends the progress of the timeline,” Harvey added.

He said the combination of these factors is what is causing the project delays.

Harvey said the township has requested an updated schedule and he expects one will be provided next week.



Finlay Mill Road in Midhurst, just north of Barrie, remains a one-way street as construction of the force main has been hampered by ‘cobbles and boulders’ along the planned installation route. Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

“We understand that delays in construction can be frustrating for residents,” he said. “The project is designed to bring significant long-term benefits and improvements to the community.”

Originally designed to be completed in stages, stage one — Finlay Mill Road between Wattie Road and Doran Road — was supposed to take 12 weeks.

Stage two targeted Doran Road between Finlay Mill Road and Gill Road and was scheduled to be completed in six weeks.

Stage three was scheduled for 17 weeks and was to cover Finlay Mill Road between County Road 27 and Wattie Road.

Harvey said the township will keep the community informed about the progress of the project by providing regular updates through its official social-media channels and website.

Midhurst farmer furious after drainage issue creates ‘bathtub’ on his land

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 10, 2025

Appearing before Springwater Township council Wednesday night, Glenn Beer wanted to know which member of council he should send the bill to for repairs to his Gill Road farm.

He said his farm, which is located across the street from the Midhurst Heights subdivision development on the north side of what is known as the unopened Craig Road allowance (Ganaraska Trail), has been the dumping ground for the subdivision’s runoff and its caused washouts, erosion and damage to his property to such an extent that his wife, Penny, has had to forfeit her horse riding business, fearful that riders and horses could suffer an injury.

According to Beer, some of the riding trails that traverse the 100-acre property have been inundated with so much runoff, the formerly stable soil has turned to muck — unable to support the weight of a horse and rider.

“Yesterday, Penny sunk about two feet with a horse in the bush on our trails from all the water they’ve dumped down through our property,” Beer told council. “They pumped water onto our property for 10 days straight.

“It’s a joke,” he added.

Beer said he was never asked if the water could be dumped on his property and he’s upset that the developer, the Rose Corporation, abandoned the original plans, which, according to township officials, called for a discharge pipe to be built to Matheson Creek, four kilometres north of the site.

He addressed council after the Rose Corporation presented a proposal to amend the subdivision agreement to permit open cut construction of the storm outfall, which would be located on the unopened Craig Road allowance.

According to Rose’s presentation, the storm outfall design, which was approved in late 2023 to be installed via tunnelling, would be completed with an alternative construction method. The revised construction method would mean another 20 trees, in addition to the original 46 that were slated for removal, would need to be removed and new limestone screening trail surface would replace the current dirt surface.

According to Beer and his neighbour, Dan Caw, the runoff issues have been a concern for the past

three years. It reached a head last month when the developers enlisted two heavy-duty diesel pumps to remove the water that had built up in the development’s stormwater management pond following the ice storm and the heavy rains that followed it.

“There was so much water it was coming out of the holes in the manhole covers,” Beer said. “They (the developers) ran two hoses and two big diesel pumps 24 hours a day for more than a week.

“They pumped that pond dry into my property,” he added.

According to Caw, the water issues have been present since the development started.

“When Glenn Beer had that farm, right where that subdivision is right now, it was crops, it was fields and it was trees,” Caw said. “The water was going into the ground. There used to be a drainage pipe that was beside my neighbour’s house and that was the natural swale.”

He said he didn’t experience any runoff issues at the time.

Today, he said, the volume of water has increased substantially, resulting in wash outs, significant soil erosion and soil transportation into the valley that forms part of Beer’s property.

Caw said he’s seen water flows that are two or three feet wide that wash out everything in its path, including the trail.

“There’s rutting and gouging all the way down the trail,” he said. “With the amount of water that’s being directed there, it’s not surprising.”

According to Trevor Harvey, director of public works for Springwater Township, the stormwater management design, which was approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), is supposed to mimic the existing drainage.

“The natural drainage course was to a ravine that is on the unopened Craig Road land, which discharges across Mr. Beer’s property and several other properties before it gets to a subsection of the Matheson Creek,” Harvey said. “When the EA (environmental assessment) was approved, the original outlet was to go all the way to Matheson Creek on Gill Road, about four kilometres to the north.

“After the EA, and with approval from the Ministry



Glenn Beer sits on a log on his Gill Road farm in Midhurst. Beer says runoff from the subdivision that is being built across the road from his farm is damaging his property.

Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

of Environment and the NVCA, they (the developers) got approval to obviously modify this and do two discharges, one at McGowan place, which is a natural ravine, and the second was to be the unopened Craig Road allowance in the ravine that is next to Mr. Beer’s property.”

According to Harvey, the developers have an inherent right and a ‘riparian’ right to discharge on the unopened Gill Road allowance. He added that up to 40 per cent of the runoff can be directed to that outfall location. The remaining 60 per cent would go to McGowan Place.

However, he noted, the discharge must mirror what was naturally occurring.

Harvey said what happened this past spring shouldn’t happen again.

“What happened this spring was that without approvals for the outlet, which was before you in a delegation today, there was no outlet for the existing Gill Road pipe that they put in the ground,” he said. “It was, for lack of a better term, a bathtub — it overflowed, surcharged and caused drainage issues on Gill Road as well as down the unopened Gill Road allowance.

“They built a pipe to nowhere,” Harvey added.

Township council directed staff to report back on the history of the Midhurst Heights project and address concerns raised during the meeting.

Historic Drury farm faces uncertain future amid urban expansion

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 12, 2025

For more than 200 years, the Drury family has been farming land in the southwest corner of what is now called Springwater Township.

Generations of Drurys, including Ernest Charles (E.C.), the first premier of Ontario to have been born in the province after Confederation, have worked the fertile land that lies north and northeast of Little Lake.

The land's current steward — he goes by the title of farmer — is Jim Drury and he has a lot on his mind these days.

He's feeling the squeeze of development.

"This is our homestead, you know," Drury said Sunday morning during an interview at his farm on Brown Road. "Seven generations of Drurys have lived here and farmed here. I feel obligated to carry on that tradition."

He eyes well up and his voice cracks as he recalls the highs and lows of a life spent on the land.

"My ancestors cleared this land, they opened up the roads," he said. "This is all I've ever done and all I ever want to do."

He said his grandfather, E.C., would be rolling over in his grave right now if he knew what was going on as development pressure grows.

Drury owns and farms about 800 acres spread out over a number of farms on both sides of Highway 400, from Crown Hill to Dalston. He also actively farms a number of rental properties.

One of his farms, located on the south side of Partridge Road, is in an area that could become part of the City of Barrie as part of the proposed deal the city and Springwater Township announced in a news release Friday afternoon.

The City of Barrie has offered to extend municipal water and wastewater services to a portion of Springwater — 183 hectares (453 acres) north of the city's limits on both sides of Bayfield Street, halfway to Carson Road.

In exchange for the servicing, Springwater would transfer 1,769 hectares (4,373 acres) of land currently abutting Barrie's boundaries to the city.

Drury said he never imagined his rural farm would become part of the city.

"We always thought we were a good distance away, but the last 10 or 20 years there's been so much development, you can't get away from it," he said.

"Developers come in and they start to pick up some land here and some land there," Drury added. "Before you know it, you're being squeezed out. There's too much congestion, too much traffic, too much of everything."

He's seen folks he's farmed with for 30, 40 and 50 years sell off their farms because it's the easiest thing to do.

"It hurts," Drury said. "I want to keep the



Springwater Township farmer Jim Drury is concerned farmers in the region will be squeezed out of business due to urban growth.

Photo: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

tradition going. I think it's important to have food.

"What else do you know of that is more important?" he asked rhetorically.

Drury said an acre of good agricultural land in his neighbourhood would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

He said he's had offers that are up to four times that amount, but he's not interested.

"It's not about money. This is prime agricultural land — it should be protected," Drury said.

Every day, he added, development moves a little bit closer, making him a little more uncomfortable than he was the day before.

Drury said he's seeing development from the west as much as he sees it from the south. He pointed to a motion Springwater council passed at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Council said the December 2024 report, titled the Joint Land Needs Analysis and Study and done by Hemson Consulting as part of Barrie's boundary expansion proposal, confirmed that Barrie and Springwater are part of the same regional market area and that housing growth in Springwater's Midhurst Secondary Plan area may necessitate "the expedited designation

of additional employment land to maintain balanced community development."

It also noted the township is working on a growth management study to examine growth potential looking forward to 2051 and beyond, including "increased residential and employment development beyond current settlement area boundaries."

Council directed staff to report back with information regarding the planning processes — i.e. Simcoe County Official Plan amendment, Springwater Township Official Plan amendment and/or zoning bylaw amendment — necessary to consider an expansion of the Midhurst Secondary Plan area to the east of Midhurst to include the Highway 400 corridor.

Drury said that's a pretty good indication of what's to come.

"The pressure has been building for about 10 years," he said. "They (developers) get one farm, then they get another. I'm not interested in their money."

"Where would I go? What would I do?," he asked.

"I'm a farmer," he said. "I always will be."

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Book Club

Thursday June 5th at 4:00

This meeting will be held here at the library and then our club will take a break for the months of July and August. To register contact Rachel at rpendlebury@penetanguishenepl.ca

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Saturday, June 7, 2025th, from 10:30am - 11:30am

Children will play Minecraft, make a craft, colour pages, create a Creeper and play with Minecraft tiles. Free program for ages 4-13 years old. Registration must be done ahead of time at the library. A minimum of 5 people is required to run a program.

Purse Charms Workshop

Tuesday June 10th, 3:00pm

Create a personalized purse charm at the library. For ages 6 and up. Cost of \$2.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. A minimum of 5 people is required to run the program. Registration is at the library in person only. Please be aware program is subject to change of time.

Powers of Attorney Presentation

Tuesday, June 17th, 2:00-3:00

This program is in partnership with H&R Block. Lawyer Ben Poole will talk about Powers of Attorney. \$2.00 for library members, \$5.00 for non-members. A minimum of 5 people is required to run a program. Register in person at the library.

Fill Your Jar Collage Art Workshop

Thursday June 19th, 1:00pm-2:15pm

Creative Art Workshops are offered in partnership with Colibri. This series is about self-expression, creativity, and having positive support space to explore participants' artistic side. In this session participants will create a beautifully decorated jar and fill it with positive notes and affirmations. You keep your jar as a reminder of your inner strength and positivity. Register in person at the library.

Storytime

Friday May 23 and June 20th, 10:30am

Please register ahead for storytime. Enjoy a story, songs, and make a craft. 5 participants are needed for this program. Register in person at the library.

Executor Info Session

Tuesday June 24th, 10:00am

Learn about the roles and responsibilities of an executor. Free. Register in person at the library. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program.



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Summer Makeup

Vanessa Vitali of Studio V Beauty will be here for a demonstration of simple, glam makeup and hair styles perfect for Prom, a wedding day or date night! Come and learn some tips and tricks! This program is perfect for teens and adults. Thursday May 29, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Bee & Butterfly Hotel

Join us at the library and make a colourful house for our garden pollinators. Friday May 30, 3:30pm at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$6. Registration required.

Summer Reading Program Registration

This program is perfect for children ages 3-13. Every week we will have new activities that will be sure to get even the youngest readers excited! This summer we will be travelling around the world to bring you the best programs in Springwater! Registration begins Monday June 2 on the Read Squared app.

PA Day Program: Science

This PA Day join us at the library for a science filled afternoon of learning and fun! Friday June 6, 1pm-3pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$2 per person. Registration required.

Creative Adults: Suncatcher

Make a beautiful Suncatcher painting clear discs with alcohol ink. Jazz it up with glass beads. Tuesday June 17, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: \$10. Registration required.

Pride Spinners

The library will be offering a fun drop-in craft at both the Elmvale and Midhurst Branch locations. Participants will make their own Pride Spinner to celebrate Pride month! This program will be available while supplies last starting Tuesday June 19. Cost: Free.

Clearance Craft Day

Did you miss out on a craft during the year? Not to worry! On the PA day, Friday June 27, we will be offering all our leftover crafts at our Midhurst and Elmvale branches. Instructions will be provided, and crafts will be available as supplies last. Cost: Free. No registration required.



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HEY DADS!

Have you been doing any work out in your yard lately? Have your kids been “helping” you? I’ve been putting it off long enough but we finally had to get out the lawn mower and put it to work. You’ll understand that the first mow of the year involves far more than just mowing. There’s pre-mow work to be done. Branches to be cleaned up, garbage that has blown into your yard is finally revealed as the snow melts away, and toys, toys, toys. And don’t forget golf balls. Easily hidden in the long grass. Not optimum mowing material.

As I made a pre-mow tour around the yard I discovered something new. Something I had never come across in almost 20 years of child-rearing. A massive hole in the yard. I’ve come across many smaller holes. Maybe a few shovels of dirt removed before boredom sets in. You know the type. Maybe you even attempted to dig some yourself as a young one. You get together with your buddies and decide that today is the day you will dig a hole to China! Everyone goes home and arms themselves with dad’s shovels and spades so that when dad actually needs them later he’ll never find them. (I’m looking for some lost garden pruners at the moment, have you seen them?) You all dig for a few minutes and realize that China is farther down than you thought. Everyone drops their digging apparatuses and heads off to do something less labour-intensive like play with G.I. Joe or trade baseball cards.

My children skipped that last step of stopping the dig. Many shovels of dirt had been removed from this pit. Surely, they invested serious time and effort into this crater in our yard. I measured it. It was four feet wide and nearly four feet deep. My six-year-old son, Arrow, proudly came running when he saw me glaring into the ground at the chasm that could swallow a lawn mower. He was the mastermind behind the project. He must have recruited a team of siblings because I have a hard time believing he had the perseverance to nearly reach China. How he persuaded them to invest time in this project I may never know. With much volume I promptly declared to anyone within hearing distance, “This hole must be filled in!” At least one of the children heard me and without disappointment, said, “Okay, Dad. I thought you might say that.”

My pre-mow tour around the yard continued and I did find a few other holes that were only a shovel or two deep. It’s been a few days now and the holes have not been filled in. But now when I see them out in the yard I think maybe we’ll just leave them unfilled. Reminders of the excitement of childhood and the anticipation of coming out on the other side of the world. We dads sometimes need reminders about stuff like that, don’t we? Why not grab a shovel this weekend and dig some holes with your kids? If you’re strategic about it they could dig the holes in places where you want them! Time flies. Make every moment count! Even the holey ones.

Jason Weening has 10 kids who sometimes help him clean up around the yard. Need a Father’s Day gift? Get his new book on Amazon, “Yes, Dear... I’m Watching Them”

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- 1 Over yonder
- 5 Take on moguls
- 8 Limit
- 11 Heroic tale
- 12 Cap
- 13 Refinable rock
- 14 Protrusion
- 15 Wallet find
- 16 Ex-GI
- 17 Something carried on road trips
- 20 Safari country
- 23 Vocalizes a melody
- 26 Unidentified John
- 27 Destroy
- 29 Charity event, perhaps
- 30 Hawk’s opposite
- 32 Match part
- 34 Prioress
- 35 Back of a ship
- 37 Not standing
- 39 Poker play
- 41 Vote of approval
- 43 One in a jam, maybe
- 44 Rotten
- 48 Physics subject
- 49 “The Three Faces of ____”
- 50 Feline chances
- 51 Dirt and water
- 52 Simply __, soft rock group
- 53 Camping cover

Down

- 1 “Shoot!”
- 2 Concert attendee, usually
- 3 Back then
- 4 Jewish priest
- 5 T-shirt words, perhaps
- 6 Double-decker checker
- 7 Notions
- 8 Sacred agreement
- 9 “Bells ____ Ringing”
- 10 Your dog is this
- 18 Unreturnable serve
- 19 Job for a musician
- 20 Combines
- 21 Contractor’s measure
- 22 Minister’s title
- 24 Stickum
- 25 Beach, basically
- 28 In demand
- 31 Victorian ____
- 33 One-fourth of forty
- 36 More decent
- 38 Insurance broker
- 40 Menu option
- 41 Zero in on
- 42 Pronoun
- 45 Fight (for)
- 46 Highway haven
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Bearbells

by
Leslie Noonan

May 14/25

Well, here I am, as far south as you can go in Canada, on the same latitude as Barcelona, Spain and some parts of northern California. Point Pelee is one of Canada’s smallest parks, yet it harbors some of the most diverse flora and fauna anywhere in Canada and is home to five different ecosystems. It is also a birder’s paradise, and at this time of the year the migratory flocks bring in the crowds. Earlier in March is when the waterbirds stop over on the way to far north destinations. Now in May it is the warblers and finches that are flocking to this tiny spit of land.

I left home at the worst possible time, hitting Toronto just in time for rush hour. Gah, my four-and-a-half-hour drive quickly became several hours longer. I often brag about being in my fifties and have never received a speeding ticket. Umm, well after five hours of driving I was going a touch fast, and there they are, the red and blue lights of a police car directing me to pull over. I had a panic moment, with Duke’s of Hazard chases circling through my adrenaline-fueled brain. Common sense kicked in and instead of hitting the gas I hit my signal and pulled over. Sigh, I can no longer brag about no tickets, thought the officer was friendly and kindly reduced my ticket substantially so that I could avoid any points, and my fine went from a hefty dollar amount to a more bearable 52 dollars. The remainder of my day’s travels resumed at a more sedate pace, though the farther I went the faster my old car seemed to want to go, though I certainly tried to reign her in. Fortunately, I arrived at the park entrance with no further police involvement.

Just idling at the park entrance, I was enthralled by the tall trees with high canopies, encircled with red and green ivy that flowed up the small trunks to drape among the high branches. Flittering among

the branches of these sycamores and swooping low over the cars were multitudes of swallows, black and white acrobats performing feats of amazing grace and speed. The air almost vibrated with the songs of hundreds of warblers, finches and songbirds using this park as a lay over on their migratory route. Once past the main entrance, keep driving south until you can drive no further. The visitor centre is a busy place, and I overheard other patrons discussing how later in the year there is little to no parking. As I hoisted my small day pack and grabbed my poles, I had a moment of consternation as I realized I must have missed the memo about the appropriate uniform to wear. Group after group passed me, most dressed in excessive khaki, big Tilley hats, and draped in binoculars and camera gear, and let’s not forget the white sport socks tucked into hiking shoes. I had a moment of wondering if I had stumbled upon some strange cult, and as the day progressed, I realized that birders are a tribe of their own, though a wonderfully kind and diverse group of individuals who love their feathered brethren.

I jumped on the free tram to head even further south, to an area called the Tip. The trails are easy to follow, wide and soft with sand. Those sycamores reach overhead, heavy with birds, and after a short walk you leave the trees to walk out on a sandy spit of land that narrows to a triangle. On one side is the gentle lapping of water, deep blue and clear. A mere fifty feet away is the other side of the spit, with heavy waves crashing on the brown pebbled beaches. The water here is turquoise and turbulent, but out beyond the breakers the lake becomes a deeper green, with water birds bobbing in the soft waves, and even further out that deep blue typical of our great lakes. There are numerous warnings about the rip tides here, as the two currents meet at the spit and fight for supremacy. I stood, toes as far out on those last few grains of sand as I could get, cold water lapping and

pulling at me, and marvelled at this natural wonder. As the warm sun beat on my shoulders, I knew I was in a place I may never get to experience again.

I turned back up the east side of the spit, shoes off and toes digging into that warm sand. The bleached bones of driftwood piled up against the small banks like the bones of prehistoric beasts. I had no interest in returning using the shuttle, and instead enjoyed a leisurely stroll back through beaches, woodland forests and groves of black walnut. Red wing blackbirds and orioles provided their chorus to my travels, and the undergrowth was thick with mayberry and anise root. Back at my car I headed north, to the marsh boardwalk. Here the swallows nested around the observation tower, often coming close enough with their swoops to almost touch as they grabbed at insects in the air.

The boardwalk is well maintained and is an easy distance to travel for any visitor. Pale brown reeds bend with the wind, and the red winged black bird balances delicately on the top of the swaying reeds, showcasing his distinctive red epaulets. Out in the marsh map turtles and painted turtles sun themselves in the spring sun, and long thin gar fish maneuver through the narrow channels. A started black bird landed on a moss-covered turtle sitting on a partially submerged log, only to have that turtle slowly slide into the water. Up ahead a young girl motioned me to silence while beckoning me closer. Underneath the boardwalk water sloshed back and forth, until a sleek beaver pulled himself out only feet from where we stood, only to push some mud out and then once again disappear back under the boardwalk. I headed home with an intense feeling of calm and love of how beautiful our planet is, and with less stress my driving speed remained at a respectable pace. Even with the crowds, this is a place of stunning beauty and abundant wild life, and should be on every persons bucket list.



SwoopFiber Connects First Customer in Wyevale to High-Speed Fiber Internet

By Simran Hotwani Swoop, May 13, 2025
 WYEVALE, ON – SwoopFiber has officially connected its first customer in Wyevale, marking a major milestone in the company’s expansion into the community. The inaugural connection kicked off a new chapter of faster, more reliable internet access for residents in the area.

The installation was completed at the home of Ryan and Nicole Holt, who described the connection as a long-awaited upgrade, and an outstanding experience from start to finish.

“I couldn’t be happier with my experience with SwoopFiber. From the very beginning, their customer service was responsive, knowledgeable and genuinely helpful - something that’s become increasingly rare these days. The internet itself has been flawless: fast, reliable and exactly what was promised”, said Nicole Holt.

Nicole also praised the SwoopIT Concierge, SwoopFiber’s one-of-a-kind service that brings

personalized IT support to their customers’ doorstep.

“Having local friendly support just a call or visit away made the entire experience even more reassuring. It’s clear SwoopFiber understands the value of community-based service and long-term customer satisfaction.”

SwoopFiber’s growing presence in Wyevale is part of a broader effort to deliver high-speed fiber internet to communities where options have traditionally been limited. SwoopFiber works closely with local communities to make sure residents have access to the tools they need to stay connected.

“We’re thrilled to officially connect our first customer in Wyevale. This milestone represents more than just fast internet - it’s about building stronger, better-connected communities. We’re proud to bring SwoopFiber’s reliable service to the region and excited for what’s ahead. A

heartfelt thank you to the Wyevale community for welcoming us with open arms - we’re just getting started”, said Alexia Agouridis, CMO of SwoopFiber.

Installations are now rolling out steadily across the Wyevale area. Residents can check if their address is ready for connection at <https://swoopfiber.com/wyevale-signup/>, or stop by the storefront at 18 William Street, Elmvale to speak with the team in person.

Pictured from left, are SwoopFiber Construction Manager Nathon Duffie, SwoopFiber Customer Ryan Holt, SwoopFiber SwoopIT Specialist Mellissa Mugford, SwoopFiber Customer Nicole Holt, SwoopFiber CMO Alexia Agouridis, and SwoopFiber Sales & Customer Service Manager Melanie Nicholls | Photo by Dennis Colley



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Motion to ‘reject’ strong mayor powers on Springwater’s agenda

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 06, 2025

Across the province, some municipalities are “declining” the strong mayor powers that came into effect on May 1.

Last week, municipal councils in Timmins, Stratford and Owen Sound voted to reject strong mayor powers.

Prior to that, mayors in Essex, Leamington, Lakeshore and LaSalle said they have no interest in having or using the strong mayor powers that were bestowed upon them and 165 other municipalities by the Ontario government last month.

Largely a symbolic act, their opposition means little. According to the legislation, no Ontario municipality can unilaterally decline strong mayor powers.

But that’s not stopping Springwater Township Deputy Mayor George Cabral.

He has a motion on Wednesday’s council agenda that calls for council to “oppose strong mayor powers and formally express its opposition to the Ontario government’s expansion of the strong mayor powers to preserve local democracy, transparency and accountability.”

“To be frank, I really don’t know exactly where I stand on the issue of strong mayor powers today, but on reading comments from some mayors who have just recently been granted these powers

and questioning the need themselves, it certainly gives me pause to reflect on the matter,” Cabral told BarrieToday in an email when the Ontario government announced the introduction of strong mayor powers to the additional 169 municipalities in April.

“If everyone was happy with these powers, I suppose I would lean that way as well, but that doesn’t seem to be the case and I do see some areas of general concern,” he added.

A review of four letters attached to the motion — from the municipalities of Aylmer, Parry Sound, Greater Napanee and North Middlesex — illustrates the following concerns:

- the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability and the potential for the abuse of power
- proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community
- the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight

“Do I believe that our council will function differently now?” he asked rhetorically. “I most certainly do. The mayor has been granted these powers and I would expect, like most anything given to someone, they’ll be used simply because they can.”

Cabral’s colleague on council, Coun. Brad Thompson, thinks giving Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin strong mayor powers is long overdue.

He said based on the success the province has had with upper-tier municipalities having strong mayor powers, it was only a matter of time before it trickled down to lower tier municipalities like Springwater.

“I am sure our mayor will use her strong mayor powers judiciously and that other council members will adjust to this new model so that we can all get on side for the betterment of our community,” Thompson said. “I think, going forward, better data-driven decisions will be made.

“The strong-mayor model will prove to be extremely

beneficial for our community as we progress towards our goals,” he added.

Cabral believes that if something isn’t broken, it doesn’t need to be repaired.

“I believe municipal councils have worked, and continue to work, in achieving outcomes through collaboration, consensus and through the vein of majority rule, a fundamental principle in a democratic system,” he said. “In our governmental system, the elected representative is expected to act on behalf of all constituents in their respective ward.”

Cabral added that it’s difficult to understand how the strong mayor powers, applicable to a broad scope of what would otherwise be considered either operational matters or decisions once debated and voted on by council as a whole, are not eroding municipal council authority, in order to expedite and accommodate questionably achievable goals.

“With great power comes great responsibility, and we’ve already just recently seen in the news locally what has been perceived by a municipal council as a misuse of strong mayor powers,” he said, referring to Orillia Mayor Don McIsaac, who used strong mayor powers — acquired to deal with the aftermath of the ice storm — to cancel council’s recent decision to hire Trevor Lee as CAO and appoint Amanpreet Singh Sidhu, the city’s current deputy CAO/solicitor, to the position.

“Additionally, one might even suggest that not all mayors are equipped to respect and properly use their strong mayor powers given that there are no specific qualifications required to be a mayor other than being eligible to vote in the municipality where you run and winning the election,” Cabral said.

Coughlin said she has not received any comments about strong mayor powers from local residents.

“Governing with integrity and determination will never change,” she said.

Strong mayor powers were extended to Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall in June 2023. He recently used those powers to have city staff prepare a bylaw to rezone 43-acre property for a manufacturing building on Lockhart Road, and to establish a conservation trust to protect the area around Little Lake.

Springwater Township council starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

County of Simcoe Celebrates Nursing Week

May 12 to 18, 2025

By County of Simcoe

Midhurst/May 12, 2025 – The County of Simcoe has proclaimed May 12-18, 2025, as Nursing Week, celebrating the exceptional nurses who serve our communities.

That includes the dedicated nursing professionals who serve in the County’s four long-term care homes providing 24/7 care to our vulnerable residents by overseeing complex medical care while also delivering daily treatments and medications.

“The nurses who serve in our long-term care homes and support in our seniors services locations demonstrate remarkable skill, compassion, and dedication every day,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “They don’t just address medical needs – using their expertise, specialized knowledge and unique approach in caring for our older adults, they honour each resident’s dignity and support their quality of life.”

Over the last number of years, these nursing professionals adapted to ever-changing conditions while maintaining quality care. They built meaningful relationships with residents and families, creating a true home environment within our facilities.

Throughout the week, residents are encouraged to share their thanks and show their support to the outstanding nurses in their lives and communities.

Strong Mayor Powers assigned to the Town of Penetanguishene

By Town of Penetanguishene, May 14, 2025

The provincial government announced the expansion of the Strong Mayor powers to 170 municipalities, including the Town of Penetanguishene, effective May 1, 2025. This update is to further deliver on provincial priorities, such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure across Ontario.

Since the onset of the expansion announcement, Mayor Doug Rawson and the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene took a strong stance in opposition. This was made clear in a letter addressed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing sent from the Mayor on behalf of Council on April 14, 2025. “These powers would not lead to more efficient outcomes, particularly in the area of housing development. Strong Mayor powers would erode this foundation by concentrating decision-making in the hands of a single individual. This undermines the collaborative process that is critical to good governance.” read the letter.

Beyond the provincial housing objectives, Strong mayor powers provide the Head of Council with the following duties:

- Choosing to appoint the municipality’s chief administrative officer.
- Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments.
- Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the chairs and vice-

chairs of committees of council.

- Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process.

- Proposing certain municipal by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed by-law could potentially advance a provincial priority identified in regulation. Council can pass these by-laws if more than one-third of all council members vote in favour.

- Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority.

- Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority.

While maintaining the stance on the powers, Mayor Rawson issued directives, where possible, to formally delegate duties back to Council or the Chief Administrative Officer. These directives are public documents and can be viewed on the Town’s website Mayoral Decisions - Town of Penetanguishene. “The directives reinforce the commitment made to uphold and defend the democratic process that forms the foundation of municipal governance.” said Mayor Rawson.

Town staff continue to work towards implementing processes and procedures to ensure that all aspects of the new legislation is upheld.

City of Barrie and Township of Springwater Develop Shared Principles for Boundary Adjustment and Cross Border Servicing

By Township of Springwater, May 9, 2025

Barrie, ON – The City of Barrie and the Township of Springwater met following direction from Springwater Council to resume discussions. The meeting focused on shared priorities and mutual commitments related to servicing and boundary adjustments that benefit both communities.

Mayor Nuttall and Mayor Coughlin met to develop the key principles of a framework reflecting a shared commitment to advance growth and collaboration. The meeting represents a critical step towards addressing the future need for residential and employment lands, supporting long-term economic growth and fostering collaboration for sustainable development in alignment with Provincial priorities.

Under the proposed principles, the City of Barrie has offered to extend municipal water and wastewater services to a portion of the Township of Springwater. In exchange for the servicing, the Township of Springwater would transfer supplementary lands to the City of Barrie for long-term residential and employment growth, as per the attached map. The proposed arrangement and associated compensation would be modeled similar to the St. Thomas/Central Elgin boundary adjustment agreement executed in 2024.

A key pillar of the framework is a commitment to environmental sustainability by confirming the Mayor of Springwater as a member of the Little Lake Conservation Trust which will ensure the long-term preservation and protection of these lands.

“Mayor Nuttall and I met to develop draft principles for a possible agreement between our two communities. These draft principles reflect

discussions of Springwater Council this term and ensure overall benefit to Springwater Township. The principles include preserving and enhancing Little Lake conservation area, investments in Economic Development, cross border servicing and access to recreation for our residents. I agree with these proposed principles, and I am committed to bringing this back to Council and residents for discussion” stated Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Township of Springwater.

“The development of these shared principles is a critical step forward on this important issue for our region,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “We are running out of shovel-ready employment lands, which limits our ability to attract new businesses and create high-quality jobs for residents. These principles not only secure space for long-term, sustainable growth, but also reflects our shared vision with Springwater for a prosperous future for the region. This opportunity for Barrie to determine the use of our water and wastewater capacity in exchange for additional supply of employment and residential land is mutually beneficial to Barrie and Springwater and I look forward to securing more employment lands to create more jobs for our area.”

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“Mayors know the needs of their communities best,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “I commend the City of Barrie and Township of Springwater on working together to deliver better results for the people they serve. I look forward to our continued collaboration as our government strengthens local governance and gives municipalities the tools they need to get shovels in the ground for critical infrastructure

projects, faster” stated Minister Flack.

“Throughout this process I have encouraged local dialogue. This kind of partnership between the Mayors of Barrie and Springwater is how communities move forward in the collective best interest,” said MPP Doug Downey. “By developing shared principles for growth and servicing, they’re creating a local solution that supports the broader goals of housing, job creation, and smart planning for the region. This kind of collaboration is exactly what we need to see more of across Ontario.”

Shared principles include:

- City of Barrie boundary expanded in exchange for water and wastewater servicing in defined area and compensation aligned to the St. Thomas/Central Elgin agreement;
- Formation of a joint economic development committee to support coordinated growth and investment strategies and dedicated economic development resources for the Township of Springwater;
- A collaborative approach to regional healthcare services will be pursued to ensure accessible care across both municipalities;
- A property tax phase-in program to ease the transition for affected property owners;
- Access to City of Barrie recreational facilities, programs and waterfront parking passes ;
- Confirmation of the Mayor of Springwater as a member on the Little Lake Conservation Trust;
- A request for the Ontario Energy Board to consider an alignment of the Alectra service area.

This matter will be brought forward to the Township of Springwater Council in the coming weeks.

“The Licence 2 Ride”

By City of Barrie, May 9, 2025

“The Licence 2 Ride program is a wonderful opportunity for Barrie youth to become transit users and have a fun, active summer at the City’s recreation facilities,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “Licence 2 Ride is another way the City supports and celebrates local youth.”

Over 1,300 L2R passes were given out in 2024. Pass holders visited a City recreation/community centre 4,242 times, and nearly 10,000 transit rides were taken by L2R pass holders last summer.

Youth who get a L2R pass can enjoy free activities throughout the summer, some of which include:

- Select drop-in recreation programs, including open gym, public skating, and swimming
- Access to the fitness centres at Allandale Recreation Centre, East Bayfield, and Peggy Hill Team Community Centres (for those thirteen years and older)
- Free rides on all Barrie Transit routes, Transit On Demand, and Specialized Transit (for registered clients)

To register, interested participants can complete a one-page application form (parent/guardian signature required) available at barrie.ca/Licence2Ride, provide one piece of identification, and submit it in person to any of the City’s Recreation Centres for on-the-spot approval. The application deadline is June 30, 2025.

Find out more about Licence 2 Ride at barrie.ca/Licence2Ride. To learn more about Barrie’s transit services, visit barrie.ca/transit. To learn more about recreation opportunities in the city, visit barrie.ca/recreation

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By Brian Keyes

Alexander & Peacher Street (Streets that connect)

May 16, 2025 - Johnny Peacher was born in England and arrived in Canada in the early 1900s as part of an immigration wave of young people looking for work. He made his way to the small village of Anten Mills where he found a job with Lawrence Scott in 1928. Luella Wilson arrived on the scene as the new Mrs. Scott in 1929. As the newlyweds left on their honeymoon, Johnny was tasked with managing the store. An accepted procedure at that time was accepting fresh eggs from the farmers for payment of their groceries. When the Scott's got home there were eggs everywhere as Johnny had gone a little overboard with this credit system! Johnny was a fixture in the store when kids were walking home from school and stopped for a treat. Mike Coughlin tells me he spent many days just 'hanging out' at the store with his friend Johnny. Mike has a portrait of Johnny Peacher in his coffee room at Double Door Art Studio.

Johnny worked and lived with the Scotts until they sold the store in 1974. Lawrence Scott and Johnny passed away in 1983. Luella passed away in 1991. The Scotts along with Johnny Peacher are properly buried together in the Minesing Cemetery.

When the Scott subdivision took shape in the 1960s/1970s, the 3 main streets were named Lawrence, Luella & John to honour the Scotts and Johnny Peacher. In 1994 John St. had to be renamed during the amalgamation as another street of the same name existed elsewhere in the new municipality of Springwater Township. With credit to an endeavour by Murray van Rassel, the street was renamed Peacher St. It is very symbolic that Peacher St (John St) connects Lawrence Ave/Luella Blvd, much the same as in life!

Samuel Alexander and Elizabeth Carson moved to Anten Mills in 1883. Before moving to the village Samuel had operated a teamster business in Barrie but was interested in the lumber industry so he came to work for the Anderson/Tennant sawmill. Alexander Street was named in honour of these residents and their home located at the SE corner of Alexander/Horseshoe remains one of the oldest homes in the village. When the mill closed the Alexanders moved to Manitoulin Island.

Alexander is the oldest street on the interior of Anten Mills and many names are associated with the street beyond Alexander. In the early years many small houses popped up on Alexander St to house workers at the Anderson/Tennant sawmill. There were also driving sheds to house teams of horses that worked at the mill. 'Granny & Da' Muir lived in a small house at 8 Alexander. The house is gone but the maple trees they planted are still there. Tom and Norrine Park built a new home at 7 Alexander. Norrine taught school at SS #11/14 and Tom was a local business man. Tom was better known as a leading tenor at the Stratford festival and a well known Irish Balladeer. Alexander ended just past Pineview intersection and the field beyond was home to the Anten Mills airport where Jim Fare landed and took off with his plane. This is now the extension of Ghibb Ave recently completed. One of the most famous features nearby is 'The Gully' which is a ravine west of the street behind the houses and before the railway line. This was the location where the local Methodist church held its annual Garden Party with live music and a buffet of salads, jellos, pies & cakes.

Alexander and Peacher Streets are small but important as they are the links that bind this community together.



ANTEN MILLS
by Dennis Gannon



May 16, 2025 - It happened, for a week at least. What happened? Spring like weather. Last week was a great reprieve from the cool, wet weather we have had this Spring. Lawns greened up, flowers were blooming and plants and seeds got into the ground. Unfortunately we are back to seasonal or below temperatures for a while again but we will soon be basking in sunshine and warm weather.

The Anten Mills 150 Celebration committee met this past week and ironed out some of the details for the event on Saturday, September 13. It will be an exciting day with kids activities, displays, food, entertainment and ending with fireworks. The committee will need assistance that day and a callout will be posted for volunteers. A variety show is being planned featuring our local talent. This is a perfect opportunity for up and coming artists to join us in celebrating our history. Often people are shy and just need a little prodding to get them to show their skills. Perhaps if parents or grandparents give the prod, we will have an outstanding show. Dancers, singers, magicians, musicians are welcomed. Send an email to antenmills150@gmail.com and help celebrate our 150.

When the school closed a reunion was held and many former students attended. According to the news article written about it, over 400 were in attendance. In the community centre there is on display a board which many of those former students signed. The 150 celebration is an opportunity for our community to reconnect with those who have moved away. Take the time to spread the word about this event with those you know who no longer live in the community and invite them to join us. Lots of information will be posted on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page.

Congratulations go out to the Knotty Knitters on a new donation. At the library in Midhurst they hold a reading group for young children. The knitters knitted reading blankets and at the last session for this term, they were presented to the children. The knitters have been making significant contributions to a number of different organizations which are all greatly appreciated. They meet at the Anten Mills Community Centre on Tuesdays starting at 1PM and all are welcome.

Karis has confirmed that the annual Anten Mills wide garage sale is going to be held on Saturday, June 14. There is a signup page on the Facebook site so start planning your sale now.

At the end of the school year the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association has sponsored a Year End Ice Cream social for our elementary school students. Plans are underway for this year and details will be posted in the future.

If you want to celebrate this year's graduates consider posting their success on the CRA signboard located along Wilson Dr. To find out details on how to get your notice on the board send an email to antenmillsign@gmail.com. Along with personal messages, business postings are also welcome.

Check out Brian's article on some more local history and one of the original homes that still exist.

That's all for this week. In the event of a postal disruption the paper will be delivered to those with rural mailboxes in the Anten Mills area. THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.

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May Court Gives \$40,000 to 12 Local Charities

On May 13, 2025, the May Court Club of Barrie presented 12 local charities with \$40,000. The May Court Club of Barrie also runs the Nutrition Program (\$35,000) for 21 local Public and Catholic primary schools, Student Awards (\$10,000) and more. This month the May Court Shop is holding their 50th Anniversary Celebration making them one of the longest

consecutive running businesses in Simcoe County. All run by volunteers with proceeds supporting those in need.



Photo: In front of the May Court Shop - Ladies Consignment Clothing - Celebrating 50 YEARS in BUSINESS at 54B Maple Ave. Barrie. Back Row: Jamie Starling, Jeanette Heywood (Simcoe County Youth Reach), Past-President Lenore Hamley, Kathy Hubbard, Lisa Spinks (Season's Centre for Grieving Children), Deb James (Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka) Barb Watts (May Court), Kaleb Feder (Redwood Furniture Bank), Karen Shuh (Barrie Food Bank), Middle Row: Laura Ironside (Down Syndrome Association of Simcoe County), Sarah Fleming (Glowing Hearts), Anni Jessup (May Court), Kerry Ploughman (Samaritan House), Jennifer Van Gennip (Redwood Park Communities), Kelsea Dale (Down Syndrome ASC), Danielle Parks-Hamer (Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie), Andrea Araujo, Marlisha Lewis (MacLaren Art Centre), Murray Roach (Gilda's Club), Front Row: Chis Doner (Down Syndrome ASC), Lucy Gowers (Youth Haven), Ashley Irwin, Chris Ironside, Alex Eckerman (Down Syndrome ASC), President Susan Turner, Margie Conner (May Court). Photo by Marianne Schall

Centre Flos W.I. Meeting

By Pat Leonard, Public Relations, May 12, 2025
Seventeen members gathered for our monthly meeting on May 6th. Following the customary opening of the W.I. Ode and Mary Stewart Collect; Lion Tom Murray, of Oro-Medonte gave an extremely interesting presentation about the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Tom has worked for several years with this project, as an ambassador promoting this amazing program. He is obviously very passionate about it. This Foundation receives NO government funding and relies solely on donations & fundraising events. Each Dog Guide costs approximately \$35,000 to breed, train and place with a Client – yet they are provided to qualified applicants at NO COST! These amazing Dog Guides help people who deal with disabilities such as hearing loss, poor vision, autism, seizures, are diabetic, or as service dogs and even on-scene support to individuals in traumatic situations. It was interesting to find out that there are over 1,100 dog-client teams across Canada, more than 40 pairs in this Lions District and 16 teams right here in Simcoe County. A brand new training facility will soon be opening in Oakville, where they will be able to “graduate” 250 dogs per year (their current location handles about 150 per year) and that’s still not enough to fill the need. The current wait time for a client to get a Dog Guide is about 2 years. Our very own Elmvale Lions and Lioness Clubs have generously donated to this program.
Our regular meeting continued after Tom was finished, with our roll call being “Do you have a Dog Story?” It’s not hard to see that dogs hold a very special place in many people’s lives. Our Branch hosts a monthly Coffee Party at Heritage Park, from June through August, on the last Thursday. Enjoy

coffee & goodies for a free-will donation. Proceeds from these gatherings will be donated to benefit our Community. Please come out & support us.
Lorraine Cobbett was presented with her 50 – year membership pin. CONGRATULATIONS !





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Elmvale Farmers' Market prioritizing 'Made in Simcoe County'

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, May 06, 2025
If you're among the ever-growing number of folks who have opted to "buy Canadian" in the face of the shifting global economy, you may want to consider adding a farmers' market to your regular shopping mix.

The Elmvale Farmers' Market, set to start its 15th season on June 12, brings the concept of "made in Canada" closer than most would imagine — virtually everything that's offered at the market is made in Simcoe County, including flowers, honey, fresh produce and a wide variety of handmade crafts.

"Most people have no idea of how many flowers and plants are imported to this country," said Katie Goulbourne, owner of Bunker Hill Flower Farm, based in Tiny Township. "I think it's fantastic that everything in the Elmvale Farmers' Market is local and I think it's making an impact on how people buy."

According to Goulbourne, who's committed to being a part of the market again this season, the "buy Canadian" movement in the flower sector is almost as strong as it is in the food sector.

She said she's noticed more and more brides looking for local flowers for their weddings and they've adopted the same attitude as those who got behind the "100-mile diet," a philosophy that championed consuming products that were grown within a 100-mile radius ... or 160 kilometres.

"It's called the Slow Flower Movement and it shares the same belief as the slow food or 100-mile diet," Goulbourne said. "People are looking for products that are local, sustainable and seasonal."

Beamish Honey producer Kevin Beamish agreed and offered another reason why locally produced foods are gaining traction with consumers — they can get face-to-face with the person who made it.

"When you buy something that's imported, you don't really know where it came from or how it was made or, for that matter, who made it," he said. "When you buy local and deal with a local producer, you get to know them, know their product — how it's grown and cared for — and can deal with them one-on-one.

"I know it's important to me and I've seen an increase in its importance to others," Beamish added.

Henri Linde, of Valley Farm Market just outside of Elmvale, has been a vendor at the market since Day 1 and he's committed to being a part of it this season. He said the market has changed over the years, but the one constant is the personal relationships the market facilitates.

"The market gives us the opportunity to directly sell some of our produce and baking to the local community," he said, adding he's growing crops specifically for the Elmvale market because folks have been asking for them.

"It's a great addition to our own farm market and

a great way to promote our business to folks who can't come out to our farm," Linde said.

In an effort to increase the breadth of its offering and add value to the market and increase its appeal, market organizers are always looking to add new vendors.

A booth at the market costs \$300 for the season — June 12 to Sept. 18 — or \$25 for a week and the vendor must live in Simcoe County. All fruits and vegetables must be produced, grown, and processed within Simcoe County or within a 100-kilometre radius of Elmvale and Springwater Township producers will be given priority.

All food vendors (packaged, made on-site, produce, etc.) must follow the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regulations and all arts and crafts items must be 100 per cent original and hand-produced.

Last year, organizers moved the Farmers' Market to Thursday nights. This year, the hours are being tweaked, a move organizers hope will increase traffic.

"This year, we're moving to a brand-new time — Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m.," Crystal Graveson, president of the Elmvale Business Improvement Area, which organizes the Elmvale Farmers' Market, said in a news release announcing the launch of the farmers' market.

"We believe this change will provide more families and visitors with the chance to enjoy and experience all that our community has to offer."

According to Springwater Coun. Matt Garwood, who sits as the township representative on the Elmvale BIA, the market has become the village's social hub.

"Through countless conversations with local business owners, it's clear that the farmers' market plays a key role in attracting visitors to our downtown core and driving economic growth within Elmvale," Garwood said in a news release. "It serves as a lively gathering space for artisans, musicians and community groups."



In this file photo, Katie Goulbourne of Bunker Hill Flower Farm shows off one of the bouquets she had available for sale at the Elmvale Farmers' Market.

Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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'Stop the 1% taking advantage': Tiny shoreline debate draws contentious crowd

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, May 09, 2025

Roughly 200 Tiny Township residents appeared at a recent shoreline management public meeting, with both sides of the issue having their say inside and outside the small municipal chambers.

Tiny is host to approximately 70 kilometres of Georgian Bay coastline with dynamic beaches, with long-time residents and new property owners having challenged how planning and policies are dealt with on a municipal level. In recent years, the township had implemented a rare interim control bylaw to halt development so a shoreline management bylaw could be constructed.

Residents began to fill the back of the municipal building at 130 Balm Beach Road West in late afternoon, with over a third holding onto sheets of paper in preparation to speak to council on their viewpoints.

The crowd was divided on the matter, however, and those who opposed outnumbered those in favour. An impromptu discussion occurred before the doors opened, with both sides escalating their viewpoints and hashing it out.

The chambers opened to allow just over 50 people in the chambers as per the fire code, leaving many to patiently wait their turn, leave in disappointment or watch a citizen-led feed of the live-stream outside.

Inside, Jamie Robinson of MHBC Planning explained the proposed amendments and summarized received comments. Mayor Dave Evans reiterated a code of conduct within the public meeting.

A peak moment in the two-and-a-half hour meeting occurred when Coun. Kelly Helowka addressed a property in Balm Beach which gained notoriety for constructing past the water line in recent years, obstructing pedestrian access along the beach.

"The problem that I'm having," said Helowka, "is I witnessed a gentleman who lives on Tiny Beaches Road South who brought in a huge machine on a barge, brought it over to his property, and he started putting in steel plates into the beach... and we as a township had no way to battle him on that.

"I'm asking for your help," Helowka urged, "because I believe 99 per cent of you are reasonable and great stewards of our beaches, but I'm asking you as a community: how do we deal with the one per cent who think they can do that?"

On a suggestion that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry could handle that issue, Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins countered: "They have no teeth in this.

"After speaking to the MNRF, there is nothing they can do," Miskimins added. "They said it's a municipality's issue, hence why this bylaw has been worked on for two years, to try and get a reasonable solution – not to impact the 99 per cent of people, but to stop the one per cent that are absolutely taking advantage, and as a result degrading the shoreline that you wish your great-grandchildren can enjoy."

Opposing speakers called what was being proposed an overreach with a lack of clarity. Those in support praised council for getting the tools to fight back on such development.

At the conclusion, Evans stated: "We know that regardless of what side of the fence you sit on, or what your opinions are, always remember that we live here because it's a great place to live and we all want to make sure it stays like this."

Resident Drew Ironstone told MidlandToday that he was disappointed that the public meeting wasn't held in a larger venue to accommodate more voices.

"This is such a large issue with the township," said Ironstone. "If, in fact, the property values for the owners are affected in the negative sense, that is then going to translate into reduced tax income for the township and the rest of the ratepayers."

Following the meeting, Miskimins told MidlandToday that a point raised by some opposition on a lack of scientific evidence to support the proposed items, which he said was misunderstood.

"I think some residents may have come into the conversation late or only took a cursory look at what's been shared publicly since before this council was elected," wrote Miskimins via email. "Aqua Solutions 5 has provided the 'science' behind why this is a necessary step.

"I know that there were many residents who wished to do a deputation in support of the bylaw but felt intimidated by the groups who came to protest, and the behaviour that has been displayed outside and in chambers. It's sad that a group of people have had this effect on other residents who may wish to share a different perspective.

"No one wants to be intimidated or be 'cat-called' within chambers," Miskimins added. "It's hard enough for most people to do any public speaking, let alone having to endure this lack of protocol and decorum."

Residents are asked to submit further comments or questions prior to May 12, where they will be compiled and addressed for the May 26 meeting of council.

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

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Local charity celebrates impact of lottery

By GBGH, May 9, 2025

On May 1st, 2025, the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation made the final draw in the GBGH 50/50 Lottery, awarding \$14,642 to Tiny resident Tara Sweeney.

"We are so incredibly grateful for this prize," shares Tara. "It has helped us pay off some debt, which has alleviated a great amount of stress and my daughter is getting some new bedroom furniture and a bike. Both my husband and I have received excellent care at GBGH over the past year. Many blessings and thanks to everyone involved with keeping our hospital running."

The GBGH 50/50 Lottery, which ran for nearly two years, was launched to support the hospital's most urgent priorities. Thanks to the support of many members of the community, the lottery has successfully funded the purchase of an MRI safe wheelchair and an MRI safe stretcher, enhancing the hospital's ability to provide safe and effective care for patients requiring MRI scans.

Liane Netherton, MRI technologist at GBGH, emphasized the importance of these mobility aids: "Having MRI safe mobility aids, such as the

wheelchair and stretcher, is crucial for our patients' safety. These tools allow us to transport patients within the magnetic field, ensuring the safety of our patients and the equipment. We are so thankful to those who have invested in our program and purchased these important tools for us."

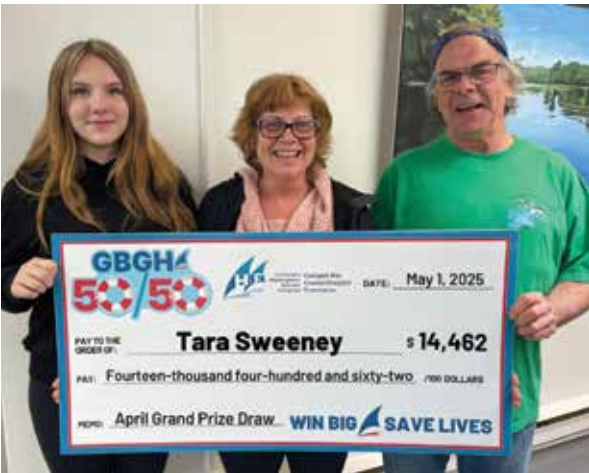
Although the local 50/50 draw is ending, those wishing to support GBGH can still purchase lottery tickets through the Ontario-wide Split the Pot Lottery. Ticket purchasers have the option to direct the proceeds from their tickets to the participating hospital of their choice or split between all participating hospitals.

The GBGH Foundation is also putting a special focus on their Monthly Giving program, where individuals can make an affordable gift every month, collectively adding up to a significant impact each year. To learn more about making a difference at GBGH with a monthly gift, visit the GBGH Foundation's website (GBGHF.ca/monthly-giving).

The GBGH Foundation extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the 50/50 Lottery over the past two years. The support will be felt by patients at GBGH for many years to come.



Members of the MRI Team at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) express their thanks to everyone who supported the GBGH 50/50. The local lottery helped to fund an MRI-safe stretcher and wheelchair for the hospital, supporting safe care for patients requiring this



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Health unit advising of potential measles exposure in Collingwood

By SMDHU, May 8, 2025

SIMCOE MUSKOKA – The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is advising the public of a possible exposure to a case of measles at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

The health unit will be contacting anyone, by letter, phone call or text message, who was registered at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital's Emergency Department including the "see and treat" area between 11:14 a.m. and 8:28 p.m. on May 4, 2025.

SMDHU has confirmed four cases of measles this year. Anyone who believes they may have been exposed to the measles virus at the above location is advised to do the following:

Confirm your vaccination status

Make sure you and your family are protected against measles:

- You are considered protected if you've had two doses of measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV).
- If you were born before 1970, you likely had measles as a child and are generally considered immune and protected.
- If you are not sure you're protected, you can visit our website to see if the health unit may have a copy of your record at www.smdhu.org/records.
- If you haven't had two doses, contact your health care provider to discuss vaccination.

Watch for symptoms of measles

• Symptoms can appear 7 to 21 days after being exposed.

• Even individuals who are up to date with the measles vaccine should watch for symptoms of measles for 21 days after exposure.

• Look for:

- o Fever, runny nose, cough
- o Red eyes
- o Small white spots inside the mouth and throat (these don't always show up)
- o Three to seven days after symptoms start, a red, blotchy rash begins on the face and spreads down the body

o You can spread measles to others four days before and four days after the rash appears.

• If you develop symptoms:

- o Call your health care provider right away.
- o Isolate right away—stay home (do not go to school or work) and avoid contact with others.
- o Important: Do not go directly to the hospital or your health care provider's office without calling first. You must inform them that you have been exposed to someone with measles and are now experiencing symptoms.
- o Wear a well-fitting, high-quality face mask when seeking medical care.

For more information about measles, please visit smdhu.org/measles or call 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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by Joanne Nijhuis

GRILLED RHUBARB SALAD
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Move over pie—rhubarb has officially joined the salad scene, and it's stealing the spotlight. While usually reserved for dessert, these tart springtime stalks transform beautifully on the grill, offering a smoky, tangy contrast to salad greens. A new twist on a traditional salad and a wonderful way to eat seasonally, locally and healthfully at this time of year.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rich in antioxidants and high in fibre, rhubarb may support brain, bone and heart health.

If you are prone to kidney stones, your doctor will likely recommend that you limit or avoid rhubarb as it can promote the formation of calcium oxalate stones, the leading type of kidney stones. Warning - Throw out the rhubarb leaves as they are poisonous. The leaves contain very high levels of oxalates that may cause stomach upset and kidney problems.

INGREDIENTS

Salad

- 4 -5 stalks rhubarb, cleaned and greens removed
- 1 Tablespoon (15 mL) honey
- 1 large red or green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dried cranberries or dates, chopped
- 8 cups (2 litres) mixed greens
- 1/3 cup (83 mL) feta, crumbled

Dressing

- 1/4 cup (63 mL) honey
- 3 Tablespoons (45 mL) white or apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon (15 mL) lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons (30 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the grill on medium for several minutes. Grill the rhubarb stalks for 2 to 3 minutes per side until softened.
2. Remove the rhubarb stalks from the grill and cut the stalks into ½ inch (1 cm) pieces.
3. Mix the rhubarb pieces with 1 tablespoon (15 mL) honey and set aside.
4. To make the dressing, whisk the honey, vinegar, lemon juice and olive oil in a small bowl until well combined. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
5. In a large bowl, toss the rhubarb, green or red pepper, pecans or walnuts, cranberries or dates, and mixed salad greens with the salad dressing.
6. Crumble the feta on top of the salad and serve immediately.

ENJOY!

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers cooking demos/classes and individual counselling. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com



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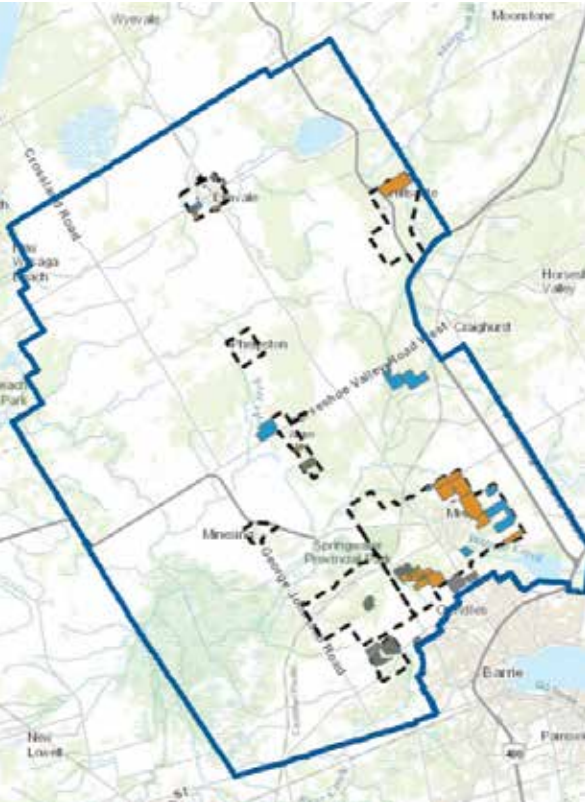


Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly

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 Written by Annie Warner Donnelly
 Hello Everyone. In Luke 2:15-20, Mary, the mother of Jesus, kept the things the shepherds told them and pondered them in her heart. Mary sets an example of pondering – thinking about – the things we see and hear.
 As women, like Mary, we keep things in our hearts and ponder them, but sometimes we ponder them until they make us ill. And if we're honest, it's not just women who do this. It's men and women, boys and girls, of all ages. Sometimes, we call it worry, anxiety, or fear.
 Health and Wellness Canada is committed to helping Canadians improve their health in ways that fit each person's unique needs. Here's a quote from their website at healthcouncilcanada.ca written by Jason on April 27, 2025.
 "Mental health challenges disproportionately affect women in Canada, with one in four experiencing symptoms of anxiety, depression, or other psychological conditions during their lifetime ... statistics reveal a 30% increase in reported mental health issues among women aged 18-45 since 2020, highlighting an urgent


need for targeted support and intervention.
 Women face unique mental health pressures shaped by biological factors, societal expectations, and the complex interplay between career demands and family responsibilities ... women are twice as likely as men to be diagnosed with anxiety disorders, while postpartum depression affects up to 23% of new mothers in Canada."
 None of us have all the answers to everything. It's important to recognize the times when reaching out to others for good, sound advice that supports God's word is the best thing to do. Finding the resources in our community that work for our situation is an important step towards accessing the help that will benefit us for a lifetime.
 When my husband was losing his battle with cancer, a social worker from the RVH Cancer Unit gave me advice I still follow today, almost three years later. Don't be shy. Reach out. Sometimes, we just need a little help. There's no shame in that.
 Learning to trust God and to have faith in His promises got me through a lot of tough days. God will help you too! Amen.



Township of Springwater Launches Consolidated GIS Mapping for Enhanced Community Engagement

Submitted by Township of Springwater, May 8, 2025
 The Township of Springwater is proud to announce the launch its newly consolidated Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping page, Explore Springwater, aimed at enhancing community engagement and transparency. While the innovative GIS program continues to serve our community, this updated mapping resource represents a significant advancement in how residents can interact with geographic data.
 This project highlights our commitment to utilizing technology to promote informed decision-making, efficient resource management, and robust community engagement. This initiative not only aids in the efficient management of resources but also enhances communication through visually compelling tools and boosts productivity through innovative technology and self-service applications.

"The GIS program represents a significant step forward in utilizing technology to better serve our community," said Michael Burnie, IT Manager at the Township of Springwater. "It empowers residents with the tools they need to engage with their environment in an informed and interactive manner."
 We encourage the community to revisit our website regularly, as we continuously expand our GIS offerings. Residents, stakeholders, and businesses can explore a variety of maps, including additions to community maps, maps of current and potential growth areas, ward maps, zoning maps, and the interactive County of Simcoe mapping. Explore the GIS maps in person at the Township's upcoming Town Hall on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, to experience firsthand the innovative technology that is driving our community forward.
 To learn more and to view Township maps, visit: www.springwater.ca/Maps




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BARRIE BAYCATS START 2025 SEASON

By Brian Belcourt, Reporter, May 16, 2025
North Simcoe Springwater News
The Barrie Baycats started their 2025 season with a home opener against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The game was closely contested with Toronto holding a 2-run lead until Barrie scored 2 runs in the eighth inning to tie the game. The game went to extra innings with Toronto scoring 2 runs in the 10th inning to secure the win.
The Baycats are celebrating their 25 seasons



anniversary as a very successful Inter Count Baseball league franchise. The Baycats first season was in 2001, with a game on May 12, 2001, at their present home in Midhurst. The franchise has built a loyal fan base with many volunteers and sponsors to help with operations, that make it a successful franchise. The ballpark experience includes many activities for young fans to participate in; 50/50 draw that supports United Way Simcoe Muskoka, programs with draws for prizes from local business and food and beverage stands.
Barrie is attempting to defend their very successful 2024 championship season. In the franchise 24 seasons they have achieved 8 IBL championships, 20 post season appearances and 7 league pennants. The Baycats have player that come from all over Canada and foreign players from mostly Dominican Republic. The team will play a 42-game schedule with 21 home games at Kulture Athletic Stadium in Midhurst, with their next home game on Thursday May 22 against the Guelph Royals.



New Soccer Academy in Simcoe County



By Mark Cristante May 8, 2025
A new chapter in youth sports has begun in Springwater with the official launch of Springwater United Soccer Academy, a community-driven program aimed at developing local talent and fostering a lifelong love of the beautiful game.
The academy, founded by a group of experienced coaches and community leaders, well open their doors May 31 with a mission to provide high-quality, inclusive soccer training for boys and girls aged 4-18. With a focus on skill development, sportsmanship, and community engagement, Springwater United seeks to elevate the standard of youth soccer in the region

Keyden McCue MMA victory

By Saabrina Jatsura, May 12, 2025
Keyden McCue made his MMA debut May 9, 2025 at the Paul Saldon Arena in Barrie. In the second round he submitted his opponent Shawn Bennett with a rear choke hold. Keyden is 18 years old Beausoleil First Nation member, living in Honey Harbour. He owes his victory to the very dedicated team at Driven Juijitsui, his sponsors Wiztech repair Midland, CNC Marina testing the elements Honey Harbour ON, Sandy's renovation and rooftop services Tiny, Tilmar International incorporated, and Northern Caribbean Restaurant, Penetanguishene.



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\$71,100 OTF Grant Builds a More Resilient Midland Public Library

By Trish Hayes, CEO Midland Public Library, May 9, 2025

Midland – On Friday morning, MPP Jill Dunlop met with the team and volunteers of the Midland Public Library to hear about how a \$71,100 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The 18-month long grant that was awarded in early 2024 has been used to build the Library’s resilience and stability by hiring a contract volunteer coordinator to design, manage, promote, and evaluate an expanded library volunteerism program.

“Congratulations to the Town of Midland on receiving this significant support through the province’s OTF grant,” said the Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. “This funding is helping strengthen the community by enhancing the Midland Library’s volunteer engagement and expanding opportunities for residents to connect, contribute, and grow together.”

The project included hiring a contract Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Fournier, and purchasing essential supplies and services to expand volunteerism at the Library. In addition to developing key resources to support ongoing volunteer management, Amy successfully onboarded and placed approximately 25 volunteers into suitable roles—including executive positions on the Friends of the Library Board and three newly established volunteer positions.

“We’re thankful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their support of the Midland Public Library,” said Bill Gordon, Mayor of the Town of Midland. “Expanding and supporting the Library’s volunteer program is key to the resilience,

sustainability and success of library services that engage, inspire, and build our community.”

The Midland Public Library is freely accessible to residents of all four North Simcoe communities and the Beausoleil First Nation. It’s widely known as a community hub expanding access to opportunities for engagement, inspiration, and empowerment. To find out more about the Library’s programs and services, visit www.midlandlibrary.com.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$105M into 732 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.



Midland District Lawn Bowling



By MDLBC, May 19, 2025 -

With the lawn bowling season set to begin the first sponsor is Canadian Tire Midland. The Monday night Canadian Tire league begins May 26 and skips will be calling their team members once the draft is completed. Shown in photo, Ron O’Sullivan, organizer of the league, receives \$500 in gift cards to be drawn weekly. Thank our sponsor by shopping local.

Visitors are always welcome. Bowlers from other clubs around the world often drop in for a game.

Newcomers are encouraged to come out to try the sport. There is a special practice week (“Open House Week”) in late May. All you need is comfortable clothing and flat-soled shoes. We have eleven coaches lined up and ready to help. And, even if you show up unannounced, you will be shown the facility and how to play. After that, you are welcome to play for 2 weeks free.

The first season dues for new bowlers is half price. Members can play 6 days per week for about 20 weeks.

Our members range in age from 7 to 90. So, come and experience bowling in Midland at the MDLBC, a “little bit of paradise by Little Lake”.

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A Message from Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North

By Office of Jill Dunlop, MPP, MMay 16, 2025

As we welcome the vibrant days of summer, I extend my warmest wishes to the residents of Simcoe North. This season brings opportunities for community gatherings, local festivals, and cherished moments with family and friends. It's a time to celebrate our shared spirit and the beauty of our region.

The recently released 2025 Ontario Budget, lays the foundation for our province's continued growth and resilience. Key investments include an additional \$50 million for vocational and skills training through the Better Jobs Ontario program, \$20 million to support laid-off workers via new training and support centres, and the introduction of a \$40 million Trade-Impacted Communities Program aimed at helping local industries adapt to global economic shifts.

Locally, I would like to share how proud I am to be a part of a government that continues

to invest in the health and well-being of our communities with the \$3 million planning grant for Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. The announcement is a huge win for Orillia and is the first big step toward the new hospital the growing community needs and deserves.

In line with our commitment to safety and preparedness, the province is investing an additional \$5 million to enhance local emergency response capabilities. This funding, part of the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, supports municipalities in acquiring critical equipment, improving infrastructure, and providing essential training.

As MPP, I am dedicated to ensuring that Simcoe North benefits from these initiatives. Together, we will continue to build a community that is not only prosperous but also resilient and prepared for the future.

Wishing you a joyful and safe summer season!

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Penetang Kings Hold Year End Awards Ceremony

Submitted by Jamie Robillard
The Penetang Kings hosted their annual year end awards ceremony and BBQ on Sunday May 4 with some bowling and a great BBQ dinner for the players, their families and the team executive and staff.
Awards were handed out in the following categories:
100 PJHL Games Played – Milestone Awards - Ashton Kirwin, Jacob Vanderberg and Carson Thayer
PJHL North Conference Carruthers Division Awards - Goaltender of the Year – Landon Simec and Rookie of the Year – Max Geere
Veterans Awards – Graduating Players - Riley Thayer and Nick Story
Rookie of the Year – Penetang Kings – shared by Max Geere and Camron Hutchinson
Most Improved Player – Matthew Laframboise
Tom Coffin Memorial Award presented to the Most Dedicated Player – Wyndam Brownlee
Top Defencemen Award – Max Geere
Most Sportsmanlike Award – Owen Fuller
Aaron Duval Memorial Award presented to the player who exhibited skill, leadership and camaraderie – Cole Rumbolt
Bert Mayer Memorial Heart and Soul Award – Carter Wilson
Most Valuable Player – shared by Landon Simec and Tanner Thayer

This concluded the 2024-25 season for the Kings, and they look forward to the fall featuring more exciting action led by the new General Manager Scott Simon and his staff. Simon will assume the dual role of GM and Head Coach.
Notes: Provincial Junior Hockey League Champions for 2024-25 are the Hanover Barons. The Barons defeated the Essex 73's in a four-game sweep beginning in game one on May 3 with a

6-1 win, followed in game two on May 4 with a narrow 2-1 victory and then on May 7 in game three a 4-0 shutout of the 73's. Game four saw the Barons get past Essex by a 5-4 score in overtime.
Hanover reached the finals defeating the Napanee Raiders 4 games to 3 in the Eastern-Northern Conferences semifinals while Essex stopped the New Hamburg Firebirds in five games in the Southern-Western Conferences semifinals.





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SENIOR TINY TIMES

By Jennifer Gray, Volunteer Writer, May 14, 2025
As part of an ongoing commitment to engage and empower older adult community members, the Township of Tiny's Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) will once again be hosting its annual Senior Symposium. This popular and information-packed event is a wonderful opportunity for seniors and caregivers to engage with others and learn about healthy-aging services and activities in the area. The Symposium will be held on Thursday June 12th from 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession Road 8 East). A delicious catered lunch is included, and attendance is free with registration. The day's program will include a variety of presentations from local service providers. The talks are informative, entertaining, and interactive. Featured topics will include:

- Grandpals Program led by Jenna Wickens, co-ordinator of the Mature Minds program with the Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County (CFFSC)
- Dementia Caring led by Tom Johnson, Director of TrustWell Senior Care
- Fostering Connection and Social Engagement led by Cindy Marshall, Recreation Therapist with the North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Service
- Accessing Support and Ontario's Psychotherapy Program led by Sam Taylor, Registered Social Worker with Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care
- Musical Therapy Workshop led by Kelly Lefaive, Musical Therapist, Registered Psychotherapist (Qualifying), performer, and music educator.

Throughout the day attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, engage with the presenters, mingle with others, and visit the many booths set up by local organizations in the area.

Also included in the program will be an award ceremony by the Township of Tiny for 'Senior of the Year'. The Township recognizes the valuable contribution of its senior population, particularly from the volunteer communities. This award recognizes an outstanding senior who, during or after the age of 65, contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural, or civic life of the Township of Tiny.
The Township will provide an update on the Local Aging Plan as well as provide attendees with a copy of the Directory of Senior Services; a valuable home-reference guide for senior-related services in the region. Last year's event was highly successful, with full attendance and positive feedback of the day's offerings. The SAC and the Senior Symposium are recognized as strong instruments in helping to build a successful healthy aging community:
"The Township of Tiny is committed to providing a variety of programs that cater to all ages," said Mayor David Evans. "Our Senior Symposium event, in partnership with our Senior Advisory Committee, is a perfect opportunity for older adults to connect with one another and learn about the services and programs specifically tailored to them."
Registration is now open and those interested are encouraged to sign up early. Space is limited to a first-come, first-served basis.
For more information or to register for the Senior Symposium, visit: www.tiny.ca/SeniorSymposium or contact Recreation and Special Events at recreation@tiny.ca or (705) 526-4204.
The information in this article is provided as a public service by the Township of Tiny Senior's Advisory Committee. We invite and welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can make Senior Tiny Times a valuable information resource for our Seniors

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Heritage Park Elmvale - 25th Anniversary

By George Allen and Matt Garwood, May 16, 2025

Twenty-five years ago, on Canada Day, Elmvale and the surrounding area came together in the park to celebrate. After two years of removing old buildings, building an amphitheater, cutting some trees and relocating others, seeding and sodding, building a pavilion and stage, creating a parking lot, and grooming a trail, the community was ready to put the new facilities to use. Over one hundred people had put in 30 or more hours to bring this project to completion. Many people generously donated equipment, such as trucks, loaders, tractors, chainsaws, and planters, providing whatever was needed to get the job done.

Every organization contributed through its own fundraising efforts. The Federal Government provided \$35,000 to help turn a vision into reality. Springwater Township purchased the land, and the community came together to build the park. It was a true partnership in action, effective, collaborative,

and inspiring.

In the years since that original Canada Day celebration, there have been countless concerts for the enjoyment of the community, each with a BBQ for those that wished to come early, meet old friends and prepare for an evening of music. There is much to celebrate, both past and present, about this community project.

This Canada Day, the community will come together in the park to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Heritage Park. Join us on July 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 PM for an afternoon of festivities as we commemorate this milestone. There will be food, music, a salute to Canada, dedication of the soon to be newly renovated entrance sign, and so much more. It will be an opportunity to learn a little history of the park, celebrate our wonderful country, and strengthen the bonds of community. Prizes will be awarded for the 'Best Dressed' (Canadian theme), and we can't wait to come together in celebration on July 1, 2025!



In 1999 we borrowed a portable flag pole from Larry and May Clement for a Canada Day salute in the location where the stage would be built. The Huronia children's choir provided the music



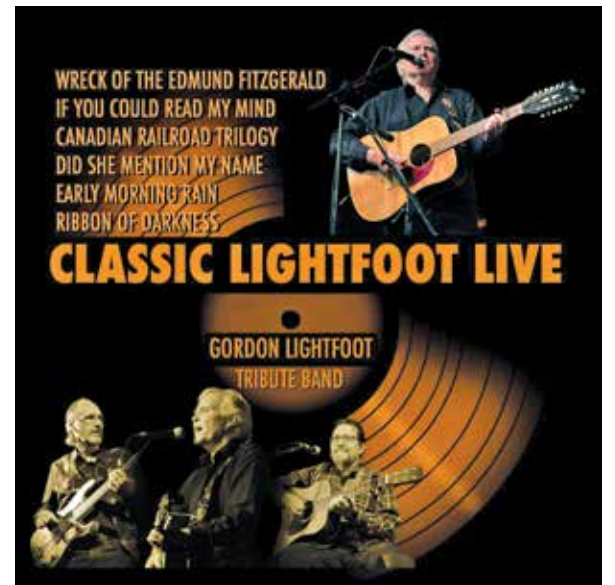
Alex Hutton planted the tree for the Legion at our 1999 celebration



The official opening of the Bayweb gate at the entry to Heritage Park, part of the Canada Day celebration in 2000.



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John Stinson, and the Classic Lightfoot Live - GORDON LIGHTFOOT Tribute show is returning to the Orillia Opera House Saturday May 3 and the Midland Cultural Centre Sunday June 8th, 2025. Originally from Toronto, Stinson has been performing for more than 30 years. While raising his family in Aurora he became neighbours with Lightfoot's original lead guitarists, Red Shea and Terry Clements.

"Spending time with Red Shea and Terry Clements brought me even closer to understanding the details and nuances of Lightfoot's music," Stinson says. "It's important in these times for Canadians to support our country, our artists and our musicians." "To me, Lightfoot's music really does reflect what it means to be Canadian. His lyrics tell stories: his stories, our stories, Canadian stories. They reach out and touch audiences in deep emotional ways."

Stinson has been recreating Lightfoot's music in a full theatre show since 2011. Thousands of patrons across Ontario have filled theatres and commented.

"Others can tell, even if they don't know how or why John's renditions come off as being so faithful. I've been told before, and many did that night, they can't believe how well John sings Gord's tunes." John Swartz, SunOnlineMedia.ca, Nov 2023.

All the band members are born and raised in Canada. And they all have close relationships with Lightfoot. You can't get much more real than having Lightfoot's nephew(Steve Eysers) on board as the bass guitarist and Lightfoot's record producer(Bob Doidge) as Music Director. Bob Doidge produced Lightfoot's last 5 albums at his Grant Avenue Studio in Hamilton, Ontario.

Clearly, connection to Lightfoot runs deep in this band.

The Classic Lightfoot Live show, featuring highlights from Lightfoot's 20 studio albums, will be sure to have Lightfoot lovers tapping their toes. They can expect to hear some little-known tracks along with the much-loved ones such as Rainy Day People, If You Could Read My Mind, and The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald.

Find out more at www.classiclightfootlive.com. Orillia Opera House www.orilliaoperahouse.ca , 705-326-8011. Midland Cultural Centre. www.midlandculturalcentre.com 705-527-4420

Community Events
Ongoing

SENIOR CLUBS

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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
Elmvale Library 10 am - 12 noon
Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Midland Jam
Monday, May 5
Free Admission, Show 7:00, Doors 6:30

Bid Euchre
Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

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.
Indoor Pickleball 1:00 - 2:30 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

Seniors Springwater Golf Club
every Tuesday at 8:00 am, May 13 to September
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WEDNESDAY
Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts
4th Wednesday from March to November
7:00 pm Elmvale Legion, 7 John St.

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 - 4:00 - 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

Coffee Party - Centre Flos W.I.
Last Thursday of the month, 9:30 am - 11 a.m.
Heritage Park. Proceeds to Community projects.
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Jam Night Elmvale Palace
Thursdays at 9 am-1am
13 Queen St. W, Elmvale , 705-322-1741

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Coffee Party
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Elmvale Presbyterian Church
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Bay Shore Seniors' Club
Choir 10-11:30 am
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

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room
All persons living with Parkinson's Disease and their care partners are welcome. For more info. contact Dwight (705) 795-6952 or Phil at Bender. philip@gmail.com

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

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Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
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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)

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VON SMART Program
Adults 55+ FREE
Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)
Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall
Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall
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North Simcoe Bridge and Games Club
Brooklea Golf and Country Club
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May 31, 2025 from 7-9 pm

St. Paul's United Church, 308 King St. Midland
Tickets - \$20

MCC PRESENTS: The Sattalites

May 31 at 8:00pm

Toronto reggae group The Sattalites evolved from a music school into a celebrated band, winning two JUNO Awards, recording six albums, and performing across North America and Jamaica.

Lift Up Your Voices Concert

May 25, 2025 from 2-3 pm

St John's United Church, 27 Yonge St S, Elmvale
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Friday May 30 2025 7:30 PM at The

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Georgian Bay Festival

Sat. June 7, 2025 at 2 pm

Georgian Bay Park, 4230 Crossland Rd, Tiny
Eagles Tribute and Tragically Hip Tribute and more. Beer gardens, vendors, motorcycle and farmers showcase. Proceeds to food bank.

MCC PRESENTS: WOMEN OF THE 70's

Linda Ronstadt, Carole King & Karen Carpenter

June 7 at 9:30pm

Wendy, an International Gold Medal Vocalist, recreates the music and memories of 1970s female superstar singers with her sultry, clear voice reminiscent of Linda Ronstadt, the velvety and playful stylings of Karen Carpenter, and the heartfelt music of Carole King

Bake Sale

June 7, 2025 8 am - 12 pm

Midhurst United Church 91 Doran Road

Evening Dance with Kitty and the Boyz

May 29, 2025 7pm - 10 pm

Askennonia Senior Centre

527 Len Self Blvd, Midland

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MCC PRESENTS: Eh! Comedy Feast

June 14 at 9:00pm

Fresh off judging Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival, Emmy-winning comedian and viral food personality Joseph DeBenedictis brings his hilarious Eh! Comedy Feast to the MCC on June 14, joined by Canadian Comedy Award winner Eric Andrews—don't miss this unforgettable night of laughs

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Elmvale Community Garage Sale

Saturday May 31st
 Presented by the Elmvale C.R.A.
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BAKE AND PLANT SALE

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HCES Students Rebuild Green Spaces

By Grade 4 HCES Students: Emma Cole and Charlotte Laurin, May 19, 2025

It has been another exciting couple of weeks at Huronia Centennial.

On May 5th, we celebrated Music Monday. Music Monday is a national celebration of Canadian music. All of our students here at HCES had a big assembly and our band and choir performed. We also sang a rendition of "Hold On" by Triumph. The choir travelled to the Midland Music Festival on May 8th, where they were awarded Gold with Distinction. Music teacher Ms. McGinnis shared that adjudicators praised our choir for singing in unison and moving from their chest to head voices beautifully. Both Mrs. Dermott and Ms. McGinnis have enjoyed working with this energetic group of singers who have been dedicated to practicing and performing the entire school year. Both the band and choir also performed beautifully at our school concert on May 15th. Grade 6 band members received a lovely send-off as this was their final concert before moving on to EDHS.

Our Eco Team has been very busy this year. Last year, our school received Gold certification from EcoSchools. We have been working hard this year so that we can win it again. Every single Wednesday our whole school goes outside in the morning and walks some laps around our school yard. We do this because it helps our earth - giving students and our classroom screens a break so we are not using as much electricity. Our Eco Team has also been collecting milk bags from all of our students. These will be recycled and turned into mats for those who are experiencing homelessness. Some classes were also involved in "Pitch In" where they went into the community to pick up garbage. The Eco Team has submitted their portfolio and are waiting for certification results to be released in June.

Two groups of students from grades 4, 5 and 6 went to the SCDSB Education Centre to compete against many other schools in different math challenges in the annual Math Road Rally. HCES entered two teams, who both did very well.

We've also been on the road for many field trips recently. Our grade 4s went to the Wye Marsh and are preparing for a big overnight trip to Camp Kitchi in June, and our primary students travelled to the Tiffin Centre where they learned about nature and conservation.

You may have also seen our students in grades 4 to 6 training hard for track and field which is coming up in the next week few weeks. We have been practicing a variety of events including long jump, javelin throw, and sprinting.

And finally, a BIG thank you to Brad's Tree Service who donated a sapling to every student in our school because of the damage done to the community after the ice storm. They wanted to rebuild green spaces in our community. The school made a thank you card that every single student signed. We can't wait to watch these grow up with us.



Ontario Building Destination Wasaga

Ontario is investing \$38 million to increase tourism in Wasaga Beach, including by revitalizing Nancy Island Historic Site.

"I want to thank Premier Ford and his entire team for this historic investment in the Town of Wasaga Beach, and in Nancy Island Historic Site," said Brian Smith, Mayor of Wasaga Beach. "Today, we are celebrating a new partnership — one where the town and province will work together to ignite tourism, breathe new life into our town's main commercial area along Beach Drive at Beach Area 1 and transform Wasaga Beach into a truly unforgettable, iconic Ontario destination. Today's investment will ensure Wasaga Beach thrives as Ontario's summer playground — and that we evolve into a year-round destination that will grow Ontario's tourism sector, increase our municipal tax base, support local businesses and better support the high levels of growth that our community has been experiencing."

WASAGA BEACH — Ontario is investing nearly \$38 million to build Destination Wasaga, a premier tourist destination that includes beaches, a revitalized downtown area and important historic sites, in partnership with the Town of Wasaga Beach. These investments, including from the 2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario, will help protect and expand the number of jobs in the local tourism sector and boost economic growth across Simcoe County.

"Wasaga Beach is a world-class tourist destination, with the longest freshwater beach in the world and an incredible history, including at Nancy Island," said Premier Doug Ford. "We're helping bring this important part of Ontario's history back to life and we're working with the municipality to revitalize the downtown, create jobs and welcome tourists from across Ontario and around the world."

Ontario's investments in support of Destination Wasaga, which are intended to preserve local heritage, create jobs, boost tourism and support economic growth across the region, include:

- \$25 million to support the redevelopment of Nancy Island Historic Site, along with the proposed transfer of administrative responsibility for the site from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming (MTCG)
- Nearly \$11 million through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program to support the reconstruction of the Wasaga Beach Area roadways project, providing critical infrastructure that will support more than 3,000 new homes and improve access to Wasaga Beach's tourist areas
- \$2 million for the Town of Wasaga Beach to support tourism planning work in the redevelopment of its downtown area.

Ontario will soon begin the process of transferring a portion of the provincially owned beachfront in Wasaga Beach Provincial Park to the town in order to support its integration into the broader development of Destination Wasaga, under the condition that the beach remains public.

"This investment is part of our government's ongoing plan to protect Ontario by supporting the people, places and local economies that make our province strong," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "By preserving the unique character of Wasaga Beach, we're helping to protect a valued part of Ontario's heritage while promoting long-term economic growth in the region."

Nancy Island is the site where the HMS Nancy fought against three American schooners during the War of 1812, with support from the Anishinaabe-Ojibwe and French-Canadian voyageurs. Although the HMS Nancy was lost during the conflict, two of the attacking American ships were soon captured by the Nancy's crew, stopping their advance and protecting Canadian territory. The current site tells the story of the War of 1812 and houses substantial artifacts, including the charred hull of the HMS Nancy. A theatre, museum and replica lighthouse are also located on the island. While visitors can still admire these invaluable artifacts and visit the site, there is an urgent need to restore and preserve the facility and ensure its sustainability, which the funding announced today will help meet.

"The revitalization of the beachfront and Nancy Island Historic Site will help transform Wasaga Beach into a premier, world-class tourism destination and draw more visitors to local attractions, restaurants, accommodations and main street businesses," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "Our government's investments in Wasaga Beach are part of our plan to protect workers and businesses in the tourism industry across Ontario by driving visitation and economic growth, while preserving critical pieces of Canadian culture and history."

This project builds on the government's continued efforts to protect Ontario's economy and the workers who depend on our tourism sector by promoting tourism across Ontario. It also preserves an important part of Ontario and Canada's heritage at a time when Ontario's economy is being directly targeted by American tariffs.



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Celebration Event at the
Elmvale Baseball Diamond

By Adrianna McGinnis
Elmvale/May 19, 2025 – The Elmvale Ball Park Committee is thrilled to announce the grand opening of the newly illuminated Elmvale Baseball Diamond on Saturday June 21, starting at 7:00 PM. This exciting event promises fun for all ages and celebrates the incredible efforts of our dedicated community members.
Event Highlights:
• Local Celebrity Game: Join us for a thrilling game featuring local hometown baseball talent of all ages, sure to entertain and delight all attendees.
• Food and Refreshments: Enjoy socializing with one another over delicious food options.
• Donor Recognition: Be ready to be extremely proud at the support and participation by local businesses, community groups, and individuals.
• Community Celebration: Come together to celebrate the excellent work and dedication of our community in making this project a reality.
Cheque Presentations: Donors wishing to present cheques with a photo opportunity can do so in the evening of Wednesday June 18. Please email Carey Coram at carey.coram@gmail.com for more details and to confirm your attendance.
A full schedule of events will be available closer to, please visit the “Elmvale Ball Park” facebook page.



About the Elmvale Baseball Diamond Lights Project
The lighting project at the Elmvale Baseball Diamond, located at 14 George Street, is a community-driven project aimed at enhancing local recreational facilities, fostering community spirit and improving the overall health and well-being of all. The new lighting system marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to improve and maintain the beloved ballpark, which serves over 400 participants weekly.

OBITUARIES



Mary Bourgeois
December 4, 1948 –
April 16, 2025
Passed away peacefully at Tomkins House on April 16, 2025 at the age of 76 years. Predeceased by parents Norbert and Priscilla Bourgeois, and brother Lloyd. Beloved sister to Neil (Mary), Jean (Ken), Linda. Loving sister-in-law to Joan. Mary will be missed by many nieces and nephews.
Cremation has taken place. As per Mary's wishes, there will be no service.
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Doug Maughan
1959 – 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Doug Maughan, who passed away peacefully at home on May 6, 2025, surrounded by his family

at the age of 65.

Born in Barrie, Ontario, Doug dedicated 41 years of his life to the maintenance and millwright industry, where he was known for his strong work ethic and loyalty. Outside of work, he was a passionate drag race car enthusiast who found great joy in the speed, precision, and camaraderie of the racing community.

Doug will be deeply missed by his loving wife Beverly, his children Matthew (Leisha) and Mallory, and all who knew him. His quiet strength, quick wit, and love for family will be remembered always.

A celebration of Doug’s life will be held at North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Center on Saturday July 12 from 1pm to 4pm. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the OSPCA in his memory, reflecting Doug’s lifelong love of animals.

Memorial condolences may be shared at www.leclaircremation.com.

CLOUSTON, David Allen

David Allan Clouston, beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on Sunday April 27th, 2025. Born on March 9th, 1934, he is predeceased by his wife Margaret, parents David and Elizabeth; brother Ronald (Betty); and sister, Margaret (Bob). Al leaves behind his brother Bruce (Edna), and children Lynne Zapletal (Edward), Michael Lessard-Clouston, and Chris Clouston (Jen). Al was deeply loved by his grandchildren Carly (Krystal), Joel, Caleb (Maggie), and Connor (Meghan) and was a proud great-grandfather to Lucas. Visitation followed by a celebration of life at Bridlewood Presbyterian Church in Scarborough, on Saturday, May 31st, at 10:15 am. Donations can be made to The Kidney or Heart and Stroke Foundations.

Al was a quiet man who loved spending time with family, friends, and his church community. He was a pillar of strength, stability, support, and guidance. Married to his beloved wife Marg for 62 years, together they loved to socialize with family and friends and enjoyed vacationing at their trailer in Lewiston, New York. A true Scot, Al was clever, creative, and resourceful, always able to find a use or function for something. He had a witty sense of humour, and could be counted on to put a smile on anyone’s face. We will remember the grin and twinkle in his eye when he found something amusing. Al exuded patience, kindness, love, and compassion and will be missed by all those who knew him.



ORSER, Deborah Lynn
(nee Kirke)
January 8, 1954 – March 12, 2025

Deb passed peacefully and quietly in her sleep at home accompanied by her loving husband,

Gordon, and her loving companion Missy. She passed from congestive heart failure at 71 years young.

Deb was a loving wife, grandmother, and mother. She loved children and her calling as an Elementary School Teacher. She had retired after a long career of assisting kindergarten and Special Needs children. She was a teacher who gave everything she had to make her students learn in a fun environment and truly cared about all of them.

Predeceased by her loving parents, Charlie and Pearl Kirke.

Deb will be forever loved and dearly missed by her husband, Gordon. She will be missed by her children, Lauren and Darren (and spouses); grand-children Clara, Addie, Edison and Archer; step-children Erin, Evan, Adrienne (and spouses); grand-children Autumn, Luna, Alexia, Octavia, Henry, Lillian and Arthur.

She was also loved by her brother Gary, Uncle Gord Kirke and many in-laws and cousins and spouses.

Deb possessed the most beautiful and genuine smile. Her loving spirit shimmered through her sparkling eyes. Her beauty was breathtaking and my heart melts when I remember her.

She was a romantic who loved life and committed her heart completely to her husband, her friends and family and of course her furry companion Missy. Her kind spirit was felt by everyone who met her. She never lost the innocence of her childhood and carried that joy throughout her life.

Deb rejoiced in the change of seasons and enjoyed decorating for every holiday celebration. She shared that joy with everyone who knew and loved her.

Deb was one of God’s special Angels on earth and she is now at peace resting in His Hands.

It was Deb’s desire that her Celebration of Life would consist of families, and friends, joining together with their loved ones. To spend a moment of joy and love in her honour and then hold onto that moment throughout their lives.

Cremation has taken place and it was her wish that her ashes be spread in a special location that she shared with her husband.

I miss you and will always love you. Your husband, lover and best-friend. Forever yours, Gord.



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